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4th. Book for Meade Waugh's
Family collection.

This section started June first 1976 and will deal with the Counties schools past and present. Therefore there will be more items from the paper on this years activities and many descriptions of the past one room schools and consolidated schools from two to four rooms. This section will depend on the response from former teachers and pupils - as many of these teachers are not with us now.

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In searching my memory recalling events of yesteryear and boyhood days in Marlinton and on the Greenbrier river after an absence of close to sixty years leaves but one thought, many, many times these events have passed through my mind.

Every page is true and original in every detail as written. Some items I have omitted as readers would not believe them as facts. The entire undertaking has been a time consuming and hard task. Many names have been left out but no fictitious ones replaces them, or places or events added.

These pages have been deliberately held to the grade school level in phrases and composition - well below the graduate level - to do otherwise would be an insult to those two men pictured on our State flag - a miner and a farmer - these people actually made our state, along with those at the convention - but they are the ones we honor today.

All their conversations were of the dusty cross roads brand and once reading they would remember for many days., tell their neighbors and their children, who would also remember.

Many people will have mixed reactions - old men will dream, dreams as they light their pipes while their wives will rock - heads back, a Mona Lisa smile on their wrinkled brows - thinking back to their girlhood days and what it might have been.

However when the light fades with sun over the Western mountains - the men refill their corncobs - the women pull their shawls over their shoulders and the cool breeze rushes down the gully - the stars come out and another day is gone. One day dies and another will replace it tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow...

Swim in River

When I was sixteen and worked at the tannery on Saturdays with several other boys my age all being sort of never turning down a dare and having more courage than common sense. One day someone dared us to swim the river.

One Spring afternoon after work and the ice had run out of the river and the new cement bridge had replaced the old covered wooden one a few of us decided to take the dare and swim down the river to below town. The river was full from bank to bank.

Hubert Slaven, Winfield Hobart, Jack Anderson and myself that Saturday after work put on our swim suits and entered the river at the tannery barn. The water waw cold and muddy with some trees and other debris that made the water dangerous. Jack lost his nerve and came out about the lower tannery row of houses. As we approached the bridge we saw that someone had passed the word as it was lined with people from side to side to watch those fools in the water.

Winfield tried to cross and although he had passed the bridge he managed to reach the other side and hold on to some willow trees and was pulled out by some men with a boat and a rope.

Hubert a-nd I lived down close to the river and knew its currents from fishing there many times. Just before the strong current reached a rocky stretch behind Mr. C.J.Richardsons house it took a slight left turn.

Hubert and I did not fight the swift current but swam down stream working our way towards the bend on the left bank and came our well below where Mr. Calvin Price lived. We never timed our time in the water nor the distance covered but bet it was the fastest swim either of us ever took. We had swam in Knapps Creek many times when it was at about flood stage but this was our first time to tackle the river. If we hadn't known about the change in current our swim might have had another ending. Arriving home I never had anything said but from the looks on Mother's and Ernest's

Mountain View Cemetery

Everyone in Marlinton or has ever lived there or close by for any length of time have traveled up the hilly road to Marlinton's Mountain View Cemetery. Many times I have made that trip for family and friends that sleep there forever.

Some how I know by heart what the Minister will say as he always recites the twenty third Psalm.

> "The Lord is my shepard: I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters - etc. etc. etc.

The cemetery being located in such a beautiful spot that in turning completely around you must look up to see the beautiful sky and down for a view of the town. So many trips to this beautiful place for loved ones and friends that somehow I always think of the One Hundredth Twentythird Psalm.

> "Lift up thine eyes unto the Hills and into the Heavens above from whence thy strength cometh. Have mercy O Loard have mercy upon us. - etc. etc. etc.

Such a beautiful place to spend eternity, up among the hills - up into the heavens. Whenever there I always think of the 123 Psalm.
Note: This version of the 123rd. Psalm is from an 1892 Bible./GLV.

A Child Dies

About 1908-09 a group of us youngesters were playing in the old apple orchard beside Birds Run about two blocks from the old Methodist church one summer day - probably catching tadpoles - when we saw a small child running towards us from Mr. Slavens house. He was playing with matches and had set himself on fire. I remember so plain his screams as he reached us and we were unable to put out the fire. he died there before us and his older Brother Hubert. He was the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. R.B.Slaven, Brother of Hubert and Rebecca. Two days later I and seven other boys were flower boys at his funeral. Then and there I learned about death and playing with matches.

During the teen's Marlinton had several good Doctors and a fine staffed Hospital and administrated. Many of the Doctors had outside financial interests to advance their fortune and standing in the small community. Some were farming, cattle business, insurance and lumber business.

The large saw mill at Mountain Grove, Virginia hauled their lumber to the nearest rail head which was the large railroad yard behind C.J. Richardsons Hardware Store. Usually they used two or three teams to each wagon bringing their lumber over the mountain at Rimel and down Knapps Creek to Marlinton. A Mr. Farrell ran the mill at Mountain Grove and his son Michael attended Pocahontas County High School. He was a good looking Irish boy with red hair. Later his sister came to Marlinton.

Back to medicine - whenever a boy needed his tonsils out he would visit Dr. J.W. Yeager's office for an appointment and instructions. The next day after school our gang would go with the 'Paitent', this time it was Danny Lynch. We would look for Doctor Yeager and stop at whichever lumber stack he was scaling and loading on railroad car.

When he was ready he would open his little black Doctors bag - pour some alchole over his hands - get his instruments - hold Danny's head back - reach in and snip the tonsils - then show to us kids. After that he would throw them away, swab Danny's throat - reach down in his pocket and give us enough change for each boy to stop at S.B.Wallace's Drug store and have an ice cream cone. Seems strange medical practice now but guess the mountain boys were a hardy bunch of youngsters.

Fires

Our town in the early 'teens boasted a fine fire department that John Haslett so well described in his Times article. The three hose carts located in well chosed sections of town with the hose tower close to the hill behind the Railroad station.

Of course the largest and most damaging fire was when the tannery burnt in the twenties. The loss of employment to the community was a severe blow as rebuilding took almost a year.

In 1912 the large Valley Hotel behind the Railroad Passenger station burnt. A Mr. Humes was the owner and nothing was saved, he later moved to Charleston. The morning after the fire I remember going over to look at the ruins and heard several notes being played on the piano in the lobby. Madeleine Hume's, a classmate in school was trying out the few keys left. About 192-0 I saw Madeleine in Charleston, she was working in a law office on Kanawha street.

Another large fire was the two story frame building on the corner of Main Street and Third Avenue - where the diner is now. This building contained several shops and had rooms and offices on the second floor. The building ran all the way back to the alley and was a total loss.

For a while the town had a band stand in the middle of the lot and our town band gave concerts every Saturday night and on special occassions. Mr. Bob Cramer and Mr. Tom Anderson, both printers were the prime movers, teachers and leaders of the band. Some of the members were, Mr. Harris the station master, Oren Gum, Sterle and Clive Woodell from Campbelltown, Arnot and Hull Yeager brother Slatz Vaughan and many more I have forgotten.

Later a Mr. Echols built a small newstand on the front part of the lot. He also sold penny candy, soft drinks etc. In the rear of the store stronger drinks could be bought. Harry Sharp bought the business in 1919 and fixed up the store and had a first class place of business. He also repaired typewriters, cash registers and adding machines. Some years later he bought the old A.S.Overholt building across the street and did a thriving business. Newstand and soda fountain in front - a pool hall and Pete [illegible] barber shop [illegible]

FIRES

Another fire of some importance was the two story building on Fourth and Court Street, where the Post Office now stands. The building covered the entire block and almost to the Bakery, it contained a fruit stand and several shops on the first floor. The second floor were the meeting halls of the Modern Woodmen and the I.O.O.F. The wooden sidewalk on the front was three feet above the ground which along with the building was a total loss.

Later the Woodmen and the I.O.O.F built the two story building on the corner of Camden Avenue and Main Street beside the Hospital. There was a lot between the two buildings.

Mr. Morgan who lived two blocks up Camden Avenue bought the Moving picture equipment from a man who was showing movies in a tent about where Paul Overholts building stood - but behind the little office of Mr S.E. Snyder's office, who was an Insurance agent and had a coal contract with the C. & O. Railroad. Later a Yeager [redacted] had a small building where ran an auto battery repair shop. This building was later moved down third Avenue.

There were many fires during this period. The Marlinton Steam Laundry located behind the Railroad freight depot on the side of the hill burnt. Then Kliens Department store on Main street about 1915.

One fire I remember was a tent show that was being set up between Miss. Susie Gay's home and the bowling alley and swimming pool, which was later a movie house. No one knew how the fire started but every one blamed every body else. It took the big tent about three minutes to go up in flames as the canvas was dry and even the foreman of the crew was smoking himself.

Fires

During the mid teens the municipal power house that supplied all the electricity to the town burnt. I was just a teenager but was the night telephone operator at the office on the second floor of the Bank of Marlinton Building

I had just relieved Mrs. James Bear at nine P.M. and around midnight the alarm sounded. Looking out the back window I could see the fire which was just above the Clifton Forge Wholesale Grocery Building and was between the tannery office and the Railroad. Could not raise anyone on the phone so called Mrs. Gum's boarding house and tried to get her Grandson Lawrence Kinneson to find out where the fire was but he had gone to the fire himself. Every subscriber for phone service must have been at the fire.

The Hospital called and inquired where the fire was as all their lights were out, said it must be the Light Plant but could get no answer from that part of town. About two hours later was able to give out the location of the fire. All the phones had self contained batteries. However the next morning the tannery came to the rescue and made arrangements to connect the Hospital to their electrical equipment. Later the town received an emergency power equipment until repairs were made. Soon I think the plant was sold to the West Penn Electric Company with the understanding that they would keep the old plant for some years as a standby in case of outages.

Two Mountain Boys

Two boys growing up together in the Greenbrier valley - their experiences in many and various endevors during the mid teens. Maurince Lang, whose family had moved from Watoga to Marlinton for better schools. Their Mother Grace, Harry, Fleeta, Mabel, Ottie and Maurice, Mr. Langs name was David and was one of Gods men who always had a good word for everyone whoever they were. Mr. Lang was a scaler in the lumber camp for the Watoga mill. His camp was several miles from Watoga back in the mountains, once he made the mistake of telling Maurice and myself the quickest way to reach the camp.

One morning Maurice and I took the morning train from Marlinton to Seebert - waded the Greenbrier - crossed over two mountains untill we came out on the railroad track. Here we turned up stream and in about two miles came upon the logging camp, Mr Lang was scaler here. We both received a dressihg down as we had passed through some of the wildest rattlesnake country in the whole lumber track. However we had been taught the way of forest and with our long walking sticks and Barlow knives we felt quite safe, That night after the loggers had dinner we were fed- told all the news about home in Marlinton - bedded down in Mr. Langs and the Camp Foremans bunkhouse (On the floor). After Breakfast Maurices dad sent us home by the same route and we arrived in Marlinton on the six PM train.

About two years later Mr. Lang (or Uncle David), had moved his job to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company where his camp was about six miles down Elk river from Slaty Fork. Maurice and I left Marlinton about three AM one morning and by eleven had walked to Slaty Fork - by lunch time we were down to the logging camp where Mr. Lang met us with another stern face. At that camp the logs were dragged over about three mountains by overhead steal cable, what a sight to see hugh bunches of large logs dropped several hundred feet into the river.

From there they were loaded unto flat cars, secured, then hauled in about a twelve car hookup up to Slaty Fork where a larger Shay engine would take them on to Spruce.

Another time Maurice and I walked over to Slaty Fork and the camp was only two miles up the mountain at the left of Slaty Fork Store. We stayed several days this time as we knew the Cookee, Charlie Sharpe, who we used to help wash dishes and set the table for the evening meal. Once we went fishing below the store and I caught a two pound trout about a mile downstream from the store - Charlie cooked the troute for us and the three had a full mess of trout with the others we had caught.

During our spare time we walked up the track but managed to stay clear of the loading operations as we liked to watch the derricks load the cars with the logs then chain them down and the little shay engines put on their braaks taking them down the mountain.

Many years after these trips with Maurice to Slaty Fork I spent the night with cousin Hyldred Cricket and Bruce for one night - this happened to be the night the tannery in Marlinton burnt. What a sight it was the next morning when the mailmans car drove down from Camplebell town across the river from the tannery or where it had originally stood.

Once on one of our camping trips - we were down river around the bend at the tunnel. This time Dempsey Johnson was with us- now here was a real sportsman and fine fisherman. For two nights we had a distinguished visitor - Mr. Moore, the game warden. Mr. Moore was a wonderful man and taught us many things about survival and sportsmanship - he was a great man. Dempsey Johnson had acquired a good habit of mailing fishing license to many men and boys he found who could not afford or know how to obtain a license, here was a spirit of a true sportsman hardly found in these days. Dempsey will be remembered for some of the big fish he pulled in

Up and down the Greenbrier as well as over on Williams river, Tea creek and both Elk and Cheat rivers.

For spending money Maurice and I trapped muskrats in the slough below Knappe creek by the railroad track. Without much experiences we were not experts in removing the pelts from the rats.

Once Mr. Ira Brill of the Peoples Store and Supply Company where we sold our pelts asked us who taught us to skin a rat. Reveiving a negative answer - Mr. Brill being the kind of man he was took us into his store room and with a fresh muskrat proceded to teach us step by step just how to remove the pelt with the least cuts or damage. After that little lesson Maurice and I received at least a dollar more per pelt due to the kindness of Mr. Brill - who also I guess received a better price when he sold them.

Another money maker we used was going through the trash at the town dump down by the bed of the creek looking for old medicine bottles. The smaller the bottle the more we were paid for them. This was at a time when bottles were blown by hand. Usually five cents for a real small bottle up to a half cent for a half pint.

Many of the bottles contained dried medicine which coated the inside and our problem was to get them clean - our answer - get a willow stick fill the bottle half full of fine sand and water - insert the stick- tie all the bottles in line on a long string and put into the rapids where they would not break. The string being tied around the middle gave the bottles a back and fourth motion and soon the stain was gone. However the bottles had to be inspected twice a day or the sand would leave the inside frosted.

When the bottles were clean we would take them home - boil them in the laundry boiler -dry in the oven - get a note from our Mothers that the bottles were sterile deliver to either ot the towns Doctors who were always in need of bottles.

I remember the last basket of bottles I sold - they were to Dr. J.W. Yeager - his office was in the First National Bank Building on the opposite side of the Bank itself. I remember that this was a good haul and Dr. Yeager after sorting out the bottles and reading Mothers note he gave me eighty two cents. This was a lot of money for a country boy on a Friday afternoon.

I remember that I crossed the street to the store being run by Mr. A. S. Overholt, a general store. (Later Harry Sharp had a newstand and soda fountain in the front and a pool hall in the back with Pete Boggs Barber Shop behind that). I bought a pair of knee length stockings, a pair of boys suspenders - a red bandanna handerkerchief, a small bag of stick candy - all this and thirtytwo cents to use for the Saturday Matinee 'Pearl White Serial', after the show Gertrude Overholt and I had enough between us to stop at Kee's Drug store and get a chocolate soda (two straws). Ask her - she is now Mrs. Thomas Trent.

Many were the camping trips Maurice and I had all over Pocahontas County, we knew every swimming hole - where the fish were biting in what kind of weather.

When the Flu hit Marlinton in 1918-19 I always stayed with the Langs taking care of them with the help of all the neighbors who did all the cooking and shopping.

Maurice chose the Air Force and I picked the Navy. We never saw each other after that in the early twenties but corresponded frequently. When he died I lost a very dear and good friend. Taps for Maurice in Texas. I will always remember our happy days and nights we spent together. Rest in Peace.

A Visit Home to Pocahontas

Once while visiting Marlinton I drove up Elk Mountain through the fog - turned around and came down to the second big curve. The fog was heavy so parked my car close to the bank out of the way and waited. This was the land of my people for six generations and I wanted to have a good look and remember every detail. In about an hour the sun burnt through the fog and sparkled on every crystal.

So here was the land of my people for four generations of Waughs, and others. Of course on down the Greenbrier valley and up Knapps Creek there would be other generations of Vaughans, Waughs, Moses's, Poags, Rankins and others.

Immediately below me was the Edray cemetery where my Father and little Brother Edwin were buried. My Aunt Annie Baxter and her only son Floyd. My Grandmother Amanda Frances Poage Waugh, MY GREAT GRANDFATHER REV. JOHN WAUGH [redacted]. A baby of Uncle Harlow Waugh's, these and many more of my kin sleep in the Edray cemetery including some of my Rankin kin.

Looking across Elmer Poags Farm I could see the new home that Uncle Preston Baxter had built for his second wife and behind that the remains of the large hewed log house my Grandfather Levi Waugh had bought and enlarged after returning from the C.S.A. and the Civil War. Here he had raised nine children - six by his first wife Amanda Frances Poage and three by his second wife Ella Ruckman.

Lifting my eyes a little I could see the Indian Draft location of the Indian Draft Church and school - both originaly in the same building that dated way back when Aunt Lizzie was a schoolgirl. The cemetery was behind the building and there were my Grandfather Levi Waugh beside his second wife Ella Ruckman and their daughter Sally Waugh Denison. Another row of unmarked graves contained the remains of Granddads three little Brothers and Sister, victims of the deseases that followed the troops during the Civil war. My Granddads youngest Brother, John Waugh and his wife were in another row side by side. There were more older graves mostly unmarked so I do not know who they were.

Who could say that this was not my home land. On down in the valley of the Greenbrier river I had left my blood from stone bruises from every toe on down the river and up Knapps Creek on dozens of rocks and bolders, even on the hill sides above.

Above Marlinton on a beautiful hill in Mountain View Cemetery, owned by the town. My relections of this place goes back when it was a farm and the butchershops of town used a shed there as their slaughter house. Mr. Ratliff lived in a small house there and many times I had played with his children - even after he moved to Renick.

DR. Williams, a medical man from Scotland and the father of A.D. Williams and the late Mr Ed. Williams was the first person buried there. His grave is in the corner to the right of the main gate. There the road turns sharply left and continued three miles up the ridge to the Mountain View Apple Orchard - which was a failure. I spent one summer there.

After the hill was used as a cemetery and enlarged many times its former size. There are few people in Marlinton who doesn't have some one buried there. There sleeps my Mother Fatima Susan Denison, Brother James Herbert Vaughan, Step Father Clyde Ernest Denison, Aunt Elizabeth S.Waugh, Uncle Harlow Waugh, his wife Aunt Gertie and daughter Francis, Uncle Geo. H. Waugh, Aunt Lulu Williams and many, many cousins and firends. Surely there must be something that makes this my eternal home.

Up Knapps Creek there are two more generations that go back to the late 1770's. My GreatGreatGrandfather Samuel Waugh and his Father James who fought in the Revolutionary War, he received a land grant for his services. Both Samuel and his Brother James 2nd, are buried in an unmarked grave at Bethel, in the Hill country or near Dilleys Mill. They were both members of the counties first county court of Pocahontas Co., they both died in 1831

Surely this is my own, my native country. At the head of Cummings Creek on over to the Little Levels country there are many, many marked and unmarked graves of the Poages. My Grandmother Martha Poage's people

Col. George Washington Ponge, her Grandfather gave the original land for the first church and cemetery and the present Oak Grove Church and cemetery in Hillsboro.

To further prove that this valley is my home, my Grandfather and Grandmother Burrell Vaughan are buried in the cemetery behind the Old Stone Church in Lewisburg. Their graves are unmarked but are recorded on the plot of the cemetery in the church.

Generations come and go and every one leaves their own mark or niche in a place they may claim as home. In this respect I claim Pocahontas County as my home although I was born in Roncerverte, Greenbrier County.

However it gives proof that although a young country boy may cut his apron strings and go to the four corners of the earth - his heart strings remain entact forever - so this county called Pocahontas will always be my home - today - tomorrow - forever.

And thus it will always be forever more - sure as the thaw comes and the ice goes out of the river every Spring some young person will leave this valley and the cycle will continue. All things come to an end evidently - but life goes on and so it will always be - forever.

Wednesday June 6th. 1976, 5:50 AM.

Just Comments

I've read with interest all the County School Superintendent's articles on the proposed grade school buildings for Pocahontas County. I attended the public meeting, saw the slides and heard the comments, pro and con. I read Mr. Charles Moore's article in a recent Pocahontas Times.

I'm sure everyone in Pocahontas County is interested in good school buildings and good schools inside those buildings. The problem we face is the fact, that a small percent of the people are the ones who will have to pay the tax to pay for the school bonds. Until a tax method is reached where every citizen of the county pays their fair share, there will be a problem. We had one person running for the Board of Education, who was interested in going before the Legislature, to get some type of county tax, where we would pay. That person was defeated by not too many votes.

We are a county of a large number of older people, who don't feel like voting a tax on the land owners and the few others who will have increased taxes. Many of these older people have taken the Homestead Tax Act and are exempted the first $5,000. It just takes 10 dimes to make a dollar—and 10—one hundreds to make a thousand—and all of these extra dollars which are exempted would soon add up. We could get passed a County Income Tax, or a County Car Tag, and then all would be in the business of getting the schools we need.

I, too, taught in a one room school. I got my grade school education in a one and two room school. My lunch froze from the time I set the lunch pail on the shelf in the hall until lunch time. Of course, I want our children to have better than this. We have much more in our homes, cars on the road and all these things, and we don't want our 1400+ boys and girls in grade school where the plaster may fall and knock them in the head, or where they will be electrocuted by exposed wires, or where they will be trapped by fire. A little walking in the snow or rain to gym or cafeteria won't hurt them—they'll play in the rain and snow as soon as they get home. That's good for them.

At the public meeting the question was asked, "What tax does a salaried person, owning no home, pay?" The answer was, "On their car."

My question is, "Why can't some method of taxation be reached where everyone would be a member of the team?" Maybe we would have to go to the state to get a new law. Why not?

Mrs. Robert Hiner

West Virginia History

The marriage of business and politics that gave birth to modern West Virginia is documented for the first time in a book published by the West Virginia University Library.

West Virginia and the Captains of Industry was written by John A. Williams, WVU associate professor of history, who grew up in Greenbrier County and who received his doctorate from Yale University.

"By 1900, West Virginia business and politics were dominated by industrialists who marshalled both the political and economic resource of the state for use beyond its borders," Williams writes. "The forging of this colonial political economy is the central concern of this book."

With development as their nostrum, those men gained control of both the Democratic and Republican Parties while also dominating the major industries, according to Williams.

But "West Virginia barely kept up with the national pace of improvement while failing to break out of its marginal and tributary position within the national economic system," Dr. Williams concludes.

"Thus in terms of their expectations, the boomers' utopia failed to materialize. What went wrong? Equally to the point, were there alternatives to the disappointing type of growth that took place?"

Williams cites the career of Joseph H. Diss Debar as one example of how faith in development failed West Virginia.

In 1864, Debar was named the first state commissioner of immigration "to alert settlers and investors to the untapped riches of the infant commonwealth," Dr. William writes.

Debar, who designed the state seal and produced some 19,000 pieces of promotional literature about West Virginia, later ended his career in prison—"convicted in New York as a confidence man operating in partnership with a woman who claimed to be the daughter of mad King Ludwig and Lola Montez."

Copies of "West Virginia and the Captains of Industry" may be ordered by sending a check or money order for $11 to Mountaineer Book Store, West Virginia University, Downtown Campus, Morgantown, WV 26506.

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Bicentennial Funds

Governor Arch Moore has approved an expenditure of $2000 in Bicentennial funds for the Town of Durbin in Pocahontas County.

Moore said the funds will help the renovation of a town building for use as a mayor's office and community Center. The Governor indicated that the center will become a focal point of community activities, and will serve all the people of Durbin.

Governor Arch Moore has approved an expenditure of $3000 in Bicentennial funds for several special projects being sponsored by the Cass Bicentennial Commission in Pocahontas County.

The funding will help enable the renovation and reconstruction of the Mayor's office and city council chambers, Moore said.

In addition, the commission plans to rebuild the suspension bridge that once linked the east and west sides of the town by providing a walk providing a walkway for pedestrians across the Greenbrier River, he continued.

The Governor indicated that planning is also being completed to convert a former church into a community center for the Town of Cass.

July 4

The Bicentennial Commission is asking all churches to ring their bells on July 4 at 2 p. m. for two minutes to celebrate the 200 anniversary—to the minute—of the first ringing of the Liberty Bell, proclaiming the independence of the United States.

CASS TRAIN

As the opening of the summer operating season approaches, things get busier at the Cass Scenic Railroad. Although regular public trips do not begin until Saturday, May 29, the railroad has already operated one special trip in February, has two scheduled for April, and will be operating at least six days in May prior to the 29th.

During the winter months Superintendent Jim Reep and his crew have been busy in the shop doing necessary repair work on the engines and cars and maintenance on the track. They have spent time this winter getting the new shop organized and have replaced the flues in Shays 2 and 3 and the tires on Shay 5. These three locomotives along with Shay 4 and Heisler 6 will be providing the motive power for the 1976 season. Cars have been cleaned and painted. On the track the major project has been the elimination of a curve between Whittaker Station and Old Spruce.

The State is in the process of receiving 25 surplus railroad cars and five diesel locomotives from the Federal government. Part of this equipment will be used at Cass and part on the new scenic railroad owned by the State in Fayette County.

At present the major need at Cass is someone to fill the shop foreman's position. If anyone is interested in this job they are asked to contact Superintendent Reep at Cass.

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Greenbrier Scenic Railroad

The popular Greenbrier Scenic Railroad is abandoning operations. Railroad board of directors March 9 announced their non-profit corporation is cancelling plans for any further Autumn weekend passenger trains.

Due to increased operation costs, these railroad officers said expenditures for fuel, diesel locomotives and train crew leases have risen. Air brake equipment upgrading is needed on coaches they own and use.

Additionally, the Chessie System is considering removing a large portion of the Greenbrier River Valley trackage from Durbin south to North Caldwell Station near here.

With the uncertainty both of track abandonment and the time frame in which it might occur, the railroad directors did not wish to invest in coach equipment repairs.

The four passenger coaches the Greenbrier Railroad owns are to be sold by bid. The remaining 14 coaches and cars will go into storage at the Cass Scenic Railroad. This equipment is owned by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

Letter,

I hear that people are writing letters about Marlinton, and I thought you might be interested in what I think of it.

In 1916 I graduated from D & E Commercial Department, after which they got me a job at $25 per month. My father thought I was starving myself to death so with the help of Mr. Andrew Price and Mr. Beard from Hillsboro, I went to work at the Bank of Marlinton in February 1917 and worked there about three years. At that time Mr. McFerrin and Mr. Wade were bookkeepers. A couple of years later Mr. Wade went into the insurance business and Mr. Rexrode was hired in his place. I worked under Mr. Echols, Cashier, and Mr. Hunter, Vice President. Mr. Hunter kept an "Eagle Eye" on me and gave me much good advice when he saw me doing something I shouldn't be doing. One of the things he told me was that water running over stones for a half mile purifies it. I never forgot it.

I roomed and boarded with a family named Sheets who lived down on Second Avenue and later with the McFerrins who lived up near the tannery. One morning after a hard storm, I went to work in a row boat.

At that time the passenger train ran from Ronceverte to Durbin and everyone went to the station on Sunday evening to see who was traveling.

After the first World War ended, there was a man from Hinton who brought an airplane to Marlinton and gave people rides, fifteen minutes for $15. I wanted to ride in it but was scared. Catherine Clark kept begging her father to let her go up, and he finally told the man to strap her in and give her the works. He took her up, looped the loop and nose-dived and everything. When he landed she jumped out and ran to Mr. Clark and said "give him another $15. I thought it wasn't so bad, so I paid my $15 and took my one and only plane ride. We went up high enough that I could see Huntersville. I got down in the plane and promised if I got back safely to the ground I would stay there. I was up eight minutes.

Sincerely,
Mary B. Cromer

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JANE PRICE SHARP, EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976

Dear Jane,

Mr. Sam Hill omitted the name of Henry Harper, my great, great grandfather, from his list of early Pocahontas County settlers.

I do not have my copy of the Historical Sketches by the late Rev. Wm. T. Price with me and cannot give you the page number. (note Page 393, Henry Harper settled here in 1812.)

Please check and make correction. I would like to see Henry Harper's name on the list. He deserved great credit for the part he did in helping to develop our county.

Shall appreciate your looking into it.

Sincerely,
Enid Harper

JULY 4TH

Independence Day—the fourth of July—commemorates the birthday of our Nation. The day symbolizes the divine right of each man to have a voice in his own government. A Republic was born on this day! This special day is probably best summarized in a letter written by John Adams to his wife on 3 July 1776:

"Yesterday, the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, deciding among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, that those United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent States. The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with show, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Adams was talking about the discussion and the passing of the declaration of independence resolution introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on 7 June 1776, but deferred until 1 July, so that the committee of five could prepare a statement explaining the reasons for independence.

On 2 July, the Lee resolution was approved, and on 4 July, after much debate and some slight deletions from the explanatory statements as presented by the committee of five, the total statement of declaration, including Lee's resolution was adopted.

Thus 200 years ago this month, our Founding Fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, and as Benjamin Franklin was leaving the Constitutional Convention, he was met by a woman who said, "Sir, what have you given us?" And he replied: "A Republic, Madam, if you can keep it." There is a great deal of wisdom in that statement.

The very next year, in 1777, even though they were in the midst of war, Philadelphia residents observed 4 July as a day of celebration. Today, practically every hamlet in all of the 50 states, plus American Servicemen and civilians, who happen to be in other countries, observe the Fourth of July with prayers, speeches, parades, pageantry, and fireworks.

Fourth of July

It was a grand and glorious Bicentennial Fourth of July celebration in Marlinton Sunday. The PCHS Band played, under the direction of Charles Fauber, Dale Curry was master of ceremonies, Mayor Ed Rexrode greeted the large crowd, David Corcoran led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION, Liberty Proclaimed, was directed by Mrs. Ben Morgan, with a county-wide group of singers, ten young persons representing various occupations, with "hats off to the past and coats off for the future," Connie Campbell and Davy Corcoran as Martha and George Washington, and "Butch" Michael as narrator. The ringing of the church bells brought minutes of throughtful gratitude for our freedom and many blessings. Congressman Staggers brought challenges of the changes facing us in the third century of our nation—one thing that is certain is change—and the program closed with patriotic favorites sung by a Bicentennial singing group led by Mrs. Willard Eskridge. There was plenty of cake and watermelon for everyone. The large cake decorated with a scroll, flag and Liberty Bell was baked and decorated by Helen Kellison, Cameron Astin, Osa McLaughlin and Sally Nottingham.

Happy Birthday, America

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THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1976

Bicentennial

From the Fourth of July observances to the Bicentennial Hymn Sing, last week was a fitting celebration of our Country's 200th Birthday.

We will express here appreciation for everything done to help make this historical observance meaningful and a true County-wide endeavor.

Happy Third Century!

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days have come and gone again. Next year's Pioneer Days will be July 8-10. Start making plans.

By almost everyone's evaluation, this year's activities were successful. Always a few things forgotten and a few things done wrong but everyone will try harder next time.

The crowds were good, the weather good, and everyone seemed to have a good time, which is important.

Saturday's Parade was unusually good. Real work had gone into the floats and entries. There were many fine horses. Steve Hunter was Parade Director again and this year he was assisted by Julia Price, coordinator, with, of course, many helpers. Good planning was evidenced. The surprise Uncle Sam was good. There was a planned historical sequence, with the group of Indians, Princess Pocahontas, Chief and Braves on horses, pioneers on foot, settlers in a pioneer wagon, chicken coop on the side, mountain musicians, and a clown from bygone days for frivolity. Clubs and individuals made excellent entries. It was all good.

Many good comments were heard about "Godspell," presented by Greenbrier Theatre. It was exceptionally good.

The Flea Market was successful.

Pocahontas Pioneer Days

By Bobby Dean

As we walk through days of festival
O'er the paths our forefathers trod
And we imitate their workings
Sometimes with approval the elders nod

Well, it pleases me immensely
To hear the old ones say,
"Well Done"
That's the way we did in my day
From the dawn till setting sun"

And I welcome all the visitors
Who have come from far and near
Those who take part in the program
And those who just come to see and hear

As they travel through our county
With its lofty mountain peaks
And they gaze with awe and wonder
At the lovely hills and creeks

Now I am so proud of my heritage
That my ancestors left to me
It's been spread through out the country
Even clear across the sea

The courage of the mountain folks
Is told as far as history goes
And the same is still true today
Which proves—One reaps Just what he sows

And when God fulfills his promise
That He gave in John:14
And we move on up to His House
The pattern of which I've already seen

It will be almost like this place
With its rivers, hills and streams
And the gathering of the mountain folks
We'll all be there, it seems

There'll be someone to pick some bluegrass
And someone to sing a song
Maybe even have a square dance
What e'er they do, we'll go along

I hope this verse will pay tribute
To the folks I love so well
And the beauty of our County
Till the last tolling of the bell.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1976

Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Bicentennial Week Activities In Pocahontas County

The Bicentennial Week is going to be very, very full of activities in Pocahontas County starting with the Durbin Jubilee on Saturday, July 3, and ending with the final events of Pioneer Days on Sunday, July 11. All types of activities are being scheduled in many different parts of the County. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend as many as possible.

This week we are printing a brief schedule of events and plan a detailed listing for next week's paper. If we have missed any events please let us know for next week.

Saturday, July 3
Afternoon: Durbin Jubilee Day at Durbin.
Evening: Rodeo at Fairgrounds.
Sunday, July 4
Afternoon: Bicentennial Birthday Celebration at Marlinton.
Evening: Rodeo
Monday, July 5
Evening: Rodeo
Tuesday, July 6
Afternoon and evening: Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Wednesday, July 7
Afternoon and evening, Chautauqua.
Thursday, July 8
Afternoon:Chautauqua.
Evening: Miss Pocahontas Pageant.
Friday, July 9
All Day: Pioneer Days
Evening: "Godspell"
Saturday, July 10
All Day: Pioneer Days
Afternoon: Parade
Sunday, July 11
All Day: Pioneer Days
Afternoon: Horse Show
Evening: Bicentennial Worship Service.

For information contact the following people:
Rodeo, Argile Arbogast, 799-4683.
Durbin Jubilee, Mrs. Alma Mick, 456-4030.
Bicentennial Birthday Celebration, Mrs. Jane Sharp 799-4973.
Chautauqua, David Corcoran or Susan Hefner 653-4430.
Pioneer Days, Doug Dunbrack 799-4993

DURBIN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Upper Pocahontas County came alive again with the special Bicentennial Celebration in Durbin on July 3 that included a parade and carnival activities in the Hiner Park. This has been the biggest event in the Bartow-Frank-Durbin area for years. The Bicentennial Committee has worked for several months to make this celebration a success and were well rewarded with a grand turnout. We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Julia Pitsenberger, member of the W. Va. House of Delegates, who entered her car in our parade. We are grateful for the Parade entries from Marlinton and other local and neighboring areas. Our local area clubs and organizations were given ample opportunity to make money for their organizations by operating a variety of booths and they thank all who donated their baked goods, gifts, money, time, and efforts.

Mrs. Janey Warner, of Bartow, is to be commended for the fine job she did organizing the booths and fun activities at Hiner's Park.

We all appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiner, of Durbin for donating the use of their property to these clubs and organizations.

The Bicentennial Commission's president, Mrs. Louise Collins, and the Vice President, Mrs. Lottie Moore, wish to thank each and every person who helped to make our celebration a success.

Mrs. Alma Mick, Mayor of Durbin and secretary of the Bicentennial Commission, who was in charge of the parade, sincerely thanks Gray Wilfong and Karl Hille for helping organize and form the parade. The Town of Durbin and the Bicentennial Committee wish to thank Mrs. Barbara Hille for making the posters used to decorate their parade vehicles and for the one used on the carnival grounds.

We hope everyone enjoyed the celebration and if we missed thanking anyone, we take this opportunity to do so.

Durbin Bicentennial Commission

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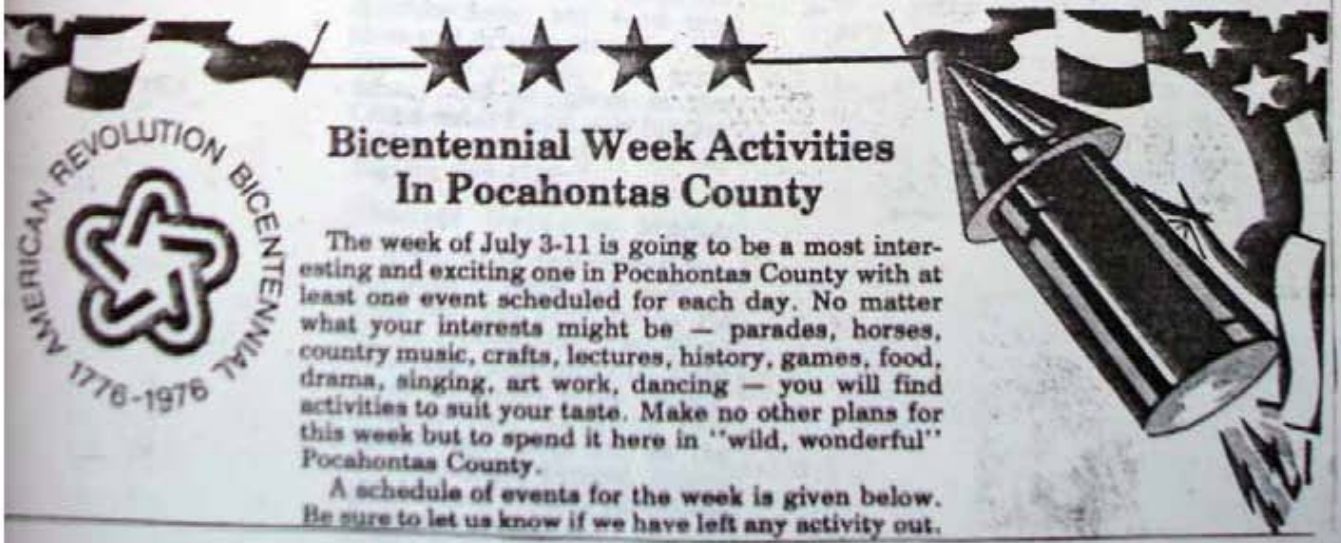
Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Honorary Parade Marshals

Misses Mabel and Fleeta Lang will be Honorary Parade Marshals for the 1976 Pioneer Days Parade. These two young ladies are known to almost everyone after being in their business, Lang's Dress Shoppe, from 1936 to 1968, out two years, and then from 1970 to 1974 again before retiring for good. Mabel started work for Overholt's Store and stayed with them for 21 years; Fleeta worked for Schuchat's and Kline's Stores for 20 years, before they joined in a store of their own.

They were born in Kerens, Randolph County, but have spent most of their lives in Pocahontas. Their parents were David and Grace Lang.



Bicentennial Week Activities In Pocahontas County

The week of July 3-11 is going to be a most interesting and exciting one in Pocahontas County with at least one event scheduled for each day. No matter what your interests might be — parades, horses, country music, crafts, lectures, history, games, food, drama, singing, art work, dancing — you will find activities to suit your taste. Make no other plans for this week but to spend it here in "wild, wonderful" Pocahontas County.

A schedule of events for the week is given below. Be sure to let us know if we have left any activity out.

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Pioneer Days—July 9-11, '76

Pioneer Days Parade

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There will be classes as follows: Pioneer Horse and Rider; Horse or Oxen Drawn Conveyance; People Walking in Pioneer Dress; Western Style Horse and Rider; Floats of Pioneer or Bicentennial Theme; Bicycles and Riders of Bicentennial or Pioneer Theme; Commercial Entries; and Antique Cars of 1951 Model or earlier.

In addition this year, immediately following the parade, an Antique Car Show will be held at the Marlinton Elementary School field, with trophies for the first five places, and prize money for the top ten places in the show.

All parade classes, except the Antique Auto, will have trophies and prize money for the top three awards. No prize money will be given in the Commercial Class. For further information contact J. Steven Hunter, 799-4700

Pioneer Days Flea Market

If you have any collectibles, antiques, or odds and ends about that you want to be rid of, the Pioneer Day Flea Market is your opportunity to clean house and make some money in the process. It will be held on Saturday, July 10, at the old Marlinton Graded School playground, weather permiting, beginning at 9 a. m.

The charge for display space will be $2 plus the Pioneer Days Badge. No clothing is to be sold.

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Band Practice

The PCHS Band will hold practice on Monday, June 28, 7:30 p. m., in the High School band room for Parades July 3-Durbin; Pioneer Days.

Charlie Fauber, Director

Durbin Bicentennial

The Durbin Bicentennial Commission has received the $2,000 grant and applied it to the completion of the Durbin Mayor's office. This is a grant from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Final plans for a Parade and Festival at Durbin on Saturday, July 3, to commemorate the Bicentennial are being completed. Formation of the Parade will be at the Westvaco Wood yard at the west end of Durbin at 1 p. m. All floats and entries should be at this site by that time. The food booths at the carnival ground will open at 11:30 a. m. and the Parade will start at 2 p. m. The Town of Durbin is allowing free parking from noon on that day.

Pioneer Days
Program Changes

Since the official program for Pioneer Days was sent to the printers, several changes have been made to the schedule of events. Be sure to take note of the following changes and mark them in your copy.

The Pony Pulling Contest on Friday and the Horse-pulling Contest on Saturday have been moved from the Marlinton Athletic Field to the Fairgounds.

The Historical tour of Marlinton listed for Sunday afternoon will not be held.

On Page 11 of the program the dates for the Pocahontas County Mountain and Bluegrass Festival were left out of the advertisement. This event will be held on July 30, 31, and August 1, and is not part of Pioneer Days. The Pioneer Days Mountain Music Festival is on Saturday at 6 p. m. at the Athletic Field.

The Marlinton Senior Citizens Crafts will be at Richardson's Store instead of the log cabin at the Museum.

Correction
Miss Pocahontas Pageant

In last week's paper and the official Pioneers Days Program the sponsoring organizations for Sharon Kellison is incorrectly given. It should have been the Swago Extension Homemakers Club. The Miss Pocahontas Pageant Committee regrets this error.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

— Durbin Bicentennial Celebration
11:30 a.m. — Food Booths Open
2:00 p.m. — Parade
Following parade: games and food at Hiners Park in Durbin. Community singing.

— Flying "W" Rodeo and Wild West Show
Sponsored by the Pocahontas County Horseman's Association
6:00 p.m. — Fairgrounds at Marlinton
Country music during intermission
Admission - $3 for adults and $1 for 12 and under.

SUNDAY, JULY 4
"Happy Birthday, USA"

— Marlinton Bicentennial Birthday Celebration
First National Bank Porch
1:30 p.m. — PCHS Band will play
2:00 p.m. — Church Bells for 3 minutes
Star Spangled Banner
Pledge of Allegiance
Patriotic Presentation
Speaker: Honorable Harley Staggers
Bicentennial Choir
Refreshments: Watermelon and birthday cake.

— God & Country Service
3:30 p.m. — Grace Independent Baptist Church Marlinton

— Flying "W" Rodeo at Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5

— Flying "W" Rodeo at Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.

— Bluegrass Show with the Dominion Bluegrass Boys, sponsored by the Pioneer Days Committee
8:00 p.m. — Marlinton Municipal Building
Admission: $2 for adults, $1 for children.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

— Chautauqua at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace at Hillsboro, sponsored by the Hillsboro Bicentennial Committee and the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation
Greenbrier Valley Day
1:00 p.m. — Invocation & discussion "What is Chautauqua?"
1-5 p.m. — Exhibits and demonstrations:
Seneca District, Boy Scouts of America
12-5 p.m. — Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
2:00 p.m. — Mr. and Mrs. William P. McNeel. Educators and travelers, slide lecture and discussion: "Living and Working Down-Under: Australia."
4:00 p.m. — Dr. Patrick W. Gainer, Folklore Authority, program: "West Virginia Folk Culture: Songs in the Home."
8:00-9:30 p.m. — Concert: Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. — Concession Stand Open.
Admission: Afternoon, $1 adults, 50c students
Evening, $1.50 per person

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

— Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Marlinton and Upper Pocahontas Day
1:00 p.m. — Invocation: Rev. Richard L. Newkirk, Marlinton Presbyterian Church
1:05-1:15 p.m. — Discussion "What is Chautauqua?" David H. Corcoran, Ex. Dir. PSBBF
1 - 5 p.m. — Exhibits and demonstrations: Seneca District, Boy Scouts of America
12 - 5 p.m. — Tours of the Birthplace Museum.
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. — Mark Newkirk, Violinist
2 p.m. — Mr. Boyd Payton, Noted Author and Reformer, Program and discussion: Boyd Payton's America: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
4:00 p.m. — Mr. Woodrow Taylor, Lecturer and traveler, slide program and discussion: "The Holy Land: Religions of the World."
8:00 - 9:30 p.m. — "Bicentennial '76" The Music of Broadway honors America's 200th Birthday. Greenbrier Valley Theater Group.
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. — Concession Stand Open.
Admission: Afternoon, $1 adults, 50c students
Evening, $2.50 per person

— Country and Western Music Show
7:30 p.m. — First National Bank porch in Marlinton. Free will donations.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

— Chautauqua at Hillsboro
Little Levels Day
1:00 p.m. — Invocation and discussion: "What is Chautauqua?"
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Exhibits and Demonstrations: People of Hillsboro.
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Art Exhibits
Local Pocahontas County artists only.
12 - 5 p.m. — Tours of Birthplace Museum.
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. — Mrs. Sherman Beard, Organist
2:00 p.m. — Panel Discussion: "The History of Hillsboro & the Little Levels."
Alfred McNeel, Chairman.
4:00 p.m. — Dr. Thomas R. Ross, Historian and author. Program: "The Declaration of Independence and The American Revolution."
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Concession Stand Open
Admission: $1 adults, 50c students

— MISS POCAHONTAS PAGEANT
8:00 p.m. — Pocahontas County High School
Admission: $1 adults, 50c children

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Pioneer Days

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. – Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Old Log Church on Stony Creek open

11 a.m. - 8 p.m. – Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. – French Creek Game Farm Exhibit at First National Bank lot

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. – Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. – Surrey rides, 50c

Noon - 7 p.m. – Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest Across Stillwell bridge

1 p.m. - 7 p.m. – Craft exhibits and demonstrations at Marlinton School Gym

1:00 p.m. – Pony Pulling Contest at Fair Grounds Admission — $1

1:30 p.m. – Old Time Spelling Bee at Museum

2 p.m. – Pocahontas County & Bicentennial History Contest at Museum

3:00 p.m. – GODSPELL
Marlinton Methodist Church
Admission: $2 per person

7 p.m. – Frog Hop and Turtle races at Marlinton Athletic Field

7:30 p.m. – Tobacco Spitting Contest

8:30 p.m. – GODSPELL
Marlinton Methodist Church
Admission: $3 per person

Note: Unless otherwise noted, admission to Pioneer Days events is by the Pioneer Days Badge.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

— Pioneer Days

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Art Exhibit at Hillsboro.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. -- Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Surrey Rides, 50c

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- French Creek Game Farm Exhibit at First National Bank lot

9:00 a.m. -- Horsepulling Contest at Marlinton Athletic Field
Admission: $1

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. -- Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest, across Stillwell bridge

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Craft exhibits and demonstrations at Marlinton School Gym

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. -- Old Log Church on Stony Creek open.

2:00 p.m. -- PIONEER DAYS PARADE

3:30 p.m. -- Antique Car Show at Marlinton Athletic Field

4:00 p.m. -- Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Marlinton Presbyterian Church

6 p.m. -- MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL
Marlinton Athletic Field

9:00-11:30 p.m. -- Square Dance at Southern States Store

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. -- Social Dance at Marlinton School Gym
Admission: $10 per couple in advance
$12 at the door

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SUNDAY, JULY 11

Morning -- Church of your choice
10:00 a.m. -- Old Log Church on Stony Creek open
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days activities.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Surrey rides, 50c
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pearl Buck Museum open
Regular admission will be charged.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- Pocahontas County Historical Museum open —Student Art Exhibit
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. -- French Creek Game Farm exhibit at First National Bank lot
1:30 p.m. -- PIONEER DAYS HORSE SHOW
Fairgrounds
Admission: $1 adults, 50c under 12
2 p.m. -- Preaching and Song Service at Old Log Church on Stony Creek
2 p.m. -- Singing Festival at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church on Droop
2 p.m. -- Mountain Ballad singing at Museum
7:30 p.m. BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE and HYMN SING
Marlinton Methodist Church

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Miss Pocahontas

Marla Chestnut, of Dunmore, was crowned Miss Pocahontas 1976 by Susan Viers, Miss Pocahontas 1975, at Thursday's red, white and blue Pageant. Connie Campbell, Little Miss Pocahontas, gave out the trophies.

Miss Chestnut won the talent competition with a recitation and a song, the swimsuit competition, and was named the overall winner by the judges. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Chestnut, of Dunmore, and she was sponsored by the Marlinton Business and Professional Women's Club.

Cheryl Dunbrack was elected Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

Nathalie Dolan, of Arbovale, shown on the left in the above picture, was first runner-up, and Miss Dunbrack, on the right, was second runner up. Miss Dolan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dolan, of Arbovale; she was sponsored by the Arbovale Extension Homemakers Club. Miss Dunbrack is the daughter of Mrs. Phyllis Jackson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunbrack, Sr., of Marlinton, and she was sponsored by the Edray Extension Homemakers Club.

The Pageant opened with a parade of flags and a dance and march presentation with the girls in white wearing Uncle Sam hats. Eugene Simmons was master of ceremonies. Linda Barker Hendrickson, a former Miss Pocahontas, entertained at the piano and with a vocal solo, accompanied by Houston Simmons on the drums. B. J. Estilow and Doris Hungerbuhler also provided musical entertainment.

Helen Kellison was chairman of the Pageant Committee and she was assisted by Ruth Taylor, Nora Workman, Donna Dunbrack, Dreama Burns, Frances Buzzard, Eugene Simmons, Doug Dunbrack.

Results of '76 Horseshoe Pitching Contest

Singles

Champion—Jerry Wykle, Frankford.

Runner-up—Benny Holcomb, Craigsville (Holcomb was the Champion last year)

There were 18 entries in the singles matches.

Doubles

Champions—Jerry Wykle and Larry Wykle, Frankford.

Runner-up—Kyle Loudermilk and Connie Loudermilk (man and wife) Frankford.

There were 10 teams entered in the doubles.

Winners in the Tobacco Spitting Contest, new this year in Pioneer Days, were (right to left) Ricky Shearer, who spat a distance of 18 feet for first place, Kenneth Shearer second and Paul McNeill, third.

The American Legion Post in Marlinton sponsored and supervised the Frog Hop and Turtle Race, providing the prize money. Attorney George Daugherty, of Charleston, judged the races.

Owners of the winning turtles in the Turtle Race were Mike Layman, first; Jeff Hill, Frankford, second; Reta Jackson, third; Pat Jessee, fourth.

Other entrants were:

Winners in the Frog Hop were owned by Chris Hall, Charleston, first; Mike Layman, second; Tom Daugherty, Charleston, third; Brian Layman, fourth.

Other entrants were:

Frog

Brenda Ricottilli, 11, Marlinton; Allison Sturm, 9, Houston, Texas; Danny Davis, 6 Marlinton; Ann Hall, 8, Charleston; Carl Kopf, 12 1/2, Satellite Beach, Florida; Scott Emery, 10, Rockville, Maryland; Jim Layman, 10, Marlinton; Joe Layman, 4, Marlinton; Denver Hamons, 6, Marlinton; Steve VanReenan, 12, Marlinton; Earl Jordan, 13, Marlinton; Jeff Davis, 9, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Turtles

Kathleen Shaw, 9, Marlinton; Rick Friel, 8, Marlinton; Dawn Workman, 4, Hillsboro; Holly Hyatt, 8, Easton, Maryland; Earl Jordan, 13, Marlinton; Caroline Sharp, 11, Marlinton; Shawn McCarty, 5, Gainesville, Virginia; William Hamons, 10, Marlinton; Dorothy Jessee, 7, Marlinton; Russell Jessee, 12, Marlinton; Chris Jessee, 10, Marlinton; Cal Sharp, 7 1/2, Marlinton; Denver Hamons, 6, Marlinton; Travis Friel, 7, Huntersville.

Pioneer Parade

Class I
Pioneer Horse and Rider
1st James McComb, Hillsboro.
2nd—Argile Arbogast
3rd Carl Sharp, Marlinton

Class II
Horse or Animal Drawn Conveyances
1st Don Hill
2nd Country Picnic
3rd Derrill Hoke Special

Class III
People Walking Pioneer Costume
1st Teacher and Students—Mary Alice Bowers and Students.
2nd Mrs. Ernest White—Sunshine
3rd Drummer—Spirit of '76—Johnnie Hill.

Class IV
Western Style and Costume
1st Spike
2nd Kathy Harris—Tee Jay Robbie.
3rd Polly Hull—Misty

Class V
Floats on Pioneer Bicentennial Theme
1st Poage Lane Redskins 4-H Club
2nd Dunmore Mountaineers
3rd VFW and Ladies Auxiliary

Class VI

Class VII
Bicycles
1st Bill Hyatt
2nd Caroline Sharp
3rd Cal Sharp
4th Frank Wyatt

Class VIII
Commercial Entries
1st Telephone Company
2nd Eddies Wrecker
3rd Youth Conservation Corps.

Pony Pull 48" and Under
1. Mike McCormick, Sinks Grove.
2. Bill McCormick, Ronceverte.
3. William Middleton, Dryden, Virginia
4. John McClung, Ronceverte.

Pony Pull 48" and Over
1. Danny Olinger, Dryden, Virginia
2. Pat Ayers, Alderson
3. David Deem, Ronceverte
4 Lewis McCormick, Sinks Grove

Horse Pull
1. Ernest Ely, Goochland, Virginia
2. Wayne Moreland, Lothian, Maryland
3. Kirk and Barnes, Marion, Virginia
4. Lawrence Colton, Goochland, Virginia
5. Richard Redifer, Penn Laird, Virginia
6. John Salmon, Goochland Virginia.

Rifle Shooting
1. Phillip Dean, Marlinton
2.
3. Dave Shaw, Marlinton

Pioneer Days
Antique Cars

First Place—Cecil Drennen, Hines—1923 Model T.

Second—Lewis Flint, Lewisburg—1925 Model T.

Third—Robert Wharton, Summersville—1929 Model A Roadster, yellow.

Fourth—Bill Reynolds, Lewisburg—1931 Maroon Model A Coupe.

Fifth—Howard Johnson, Ronceverte—1929 Model A sedan.

Pioneer Days
MUSIC
Old Time Fiddle

1. Bert Dodrill, Richwood
2. Lloyd Stevens, Charleston

3rd Bruce Mulsky, Lexington, Virginia

Old Time Banjo

1. O'dell McGuire, Lexington, Virginia
2. Mike Burns, Lexington, Virginia
3. Ray Alden, New York City, New York

Bluegrass Band

1. W. Va. Gentlemen, Hurricane
2. J. H. Loan and The Blueridge Mt. Grass, Staunton, Virginia
3. Woody Simmons and The U-Piney Mt. Boys, Mill Creek

Bluegrass Banjo

1. Jerry Vance, Hurricane
2. Lawrence Lawhorne, Staunton, Virginia
3. Harry McCloud, Marlinton

Old Time Band

1. Collier's Town Night Crawlers, Colliers Town, Virginia
2. Virginia Creepers String Band, Lexington, Virginia
3. Woody Simmons and the U-Piney Mt. Boys, Mill Creek.

Singing

1. John Greene, Hurricane
2. Mary and Phyllis Argenbright, Staunton, Virginia
3. Virgil Henshaw, Lewisburg.

Miscellaneous

1. James Vance (guitar) Hurricane
2. Dennis Argenbright (guitar) Staunton, Virginia
3. Alan Argenbright (mandolin) Staunton, Virginia
4. Allen Firth (bass) Lexington, Virginia
5. Scott Nelson and Cally Blake (mouthharp) Lexington, Virginia.

The Gym was crowded with fine handwork and many craftsmen.

There were so many activities it was hard to get to everything—music contest, square dance, horse show, horse pulling, etc.

The final event——the Hymn Sing on Sunday night—was a fitting climax. Everyone was inspired by the singing by the County-wide choir directed by Mrs. Willard Eskridge and the congregational singing, with Rev. Harold Elmore who brought a short message. "America" never sounded so good.

Quilt Show

First—Mrs. Thelma Thompson

Second—Mrs. Ernest White

Third—Mrs. Gladys Wooddell

Afghan

First and Second—Mrs. Wilma Tennant

Third—Mrs. Ruth Beale

Honorable Mention—Debra McCarty

Special Crafts

Antique Luggage Rack—Mrs. Louise Barlow

Flower Show

Potted Plants

First—Geraldine Shinaberry, Begonia

Second—Helen Hefner, Jade Tree

Third—Betty Williams, African Violet

Fresh Flowers

First—Geraldine Shinaberry, Roses

Second—Geraldine Shinaberry, Hydrangea

Artificial or Dried

First—Louise Barnisky

Second—Ruth Ruckman

Third—Ruth Ruckman

Well Done

Marlinton merchants cooperated well with the Pioneer Days celebration. One person who checked around town came up with this list:

Best Window Decorated and Clerks Dressed

Shraders
Dollar Store
A-Jad's
Mountaineer Food
Treasure Chest
Williams Supply
H-P Store

Window Decorated

People's Store
C. J. Richardson
Curry's Super Market
Harper's Men's Store
Seneca Floral
Wooddell's Jewelry
Clerks
Benwood

Student Art Contest

First—Todd Wilfong, Durbin, Grade 3.

Second—Kathleen Shaw, Marlinton, Grade 3.

Third—Sandra Burner, Durbin Grade 2.

First—Melinda Wilson, Marlinton, Grade 5.

Second—Helen Miller, Marlinton, Grade 5.

Third—Ann Marie del Giudice, Green Bank, Grade 4.

First Mickie Mullenax, Arbovale.

Second—Kelley Williams, Durbin, Grade 8.

Third—Billy Lambert, Durbin, Grade 7.

Museum

The Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum had over 800 visitors over Pioneer Days which led to the Museum's being very crowded at times. While the vast majority came from Pocahontas County, very often other counties of West Virginia were represented. We also had visitors from far afield as Texas, Hawaii, California, Florida Arkansas and Michigan and even some people visiting the United States from overseas. Since we were unable to admit children under twelve unaccompanied by an adult, we should like to encourage parents of these young people to bring them in to see our collection during the summer vacation. Admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children 12—18, free to under twelves. We are open every day of the week. The Museum Gift Shop did brisk business over the holidays and we still have a substantial collection of Blenko and Pilgrim glassware, books, stationery, stuffed animals, prints, placemats and other souvenirs. Memberships in the Historical Society may be taken out and renewed at the Museum.

Pioneer Days did end on a sour note for the Society as one item was removed from a picture frame on the second floor on Sunday—fortunately, it was not of major historical importance but the Society would like to have it back. If whoever took it would be good enough to return it—no questions will be asked.

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on June 8.

The most important item of business the Board transacted at this meeting was to take steps to determine in detail exactly what needs to be done to the various school buildings in the County to bring them up to the standard required by state fire and health regulations. For this purpose the Board retained Architect K. F. Weimer on an hourly rate of approximately $30 for no more than two days to perform the following duties:

(1) meet with a representative of the State Fire Marshal to determine all fire regulation deficiencies.

(2) make an on-site inspection of the structural capacity of all buildings.

(3) meet with a representative of the Health Department to determine all health regulation deficiencies.

(4) make recommendations to the Board as to the expenditure of funds to bring the County's school buildings up to fire and health regulation requirements.

The Board agreed to pay Mr. Weimer the following amount for past services rendered since August 1973:

Preparation of Comprehensive Plan—$11,768.00

Travel expenses—$251.78.

Reproduction cost and postage—$1,110.24.

Telephone expense—$29.94.

Total $13,159.96.

Kerth Friel, Director of Maintenance, met with the Board concerning roof work to be done on several schools. He reported that the low bids for materials were as follows: Green Bank Elementary, $885.11; Hillsboro, $1902.57; and the Early Childhood Education classroom at Marlinton, $281.40; total, 3069.08. This work is to be done by the County maintenance staff.

The Board approved the April Financial Report, the May payroll and Treasurer's Report, Investment Report for June 8, a budget transfer, and the payment of various bills.

The Board rescinded its previous action in adopting the Macmillan Math Series for use in grades 1 through 8. This was done as the McMillan texts are not on the state approved list for use in grades 7 and 8. The Board adopted the McMillan books for grades 1 through 6 and the Scott, Foresman and Company Math Series for grades 7 and 8, beginning with the 1976-77 school year.

Permission was granted for James Shearer to attend a Free Service School concerning school bus body maintenance and repair sponsored by the Blue Bird Body Company on June 22.

Approval was given to the request of the Green Bank High School Class of 1926 to erect a small marker at the Green Bank school to commemorate their 50th Anniversary and to mark the site of the old high school.

Approval was given for a summer English class at PCHS for juniors and seniors to be taught by Mrs. Virginia Shafer. Her salary will be paid by the students tuition.

The Board approved paying 1976-77 membership dues to the W. Va. School Board Association in the amount of $979.17.

Approval was given for the PCHS majorettes to attend the National Majorette Clinic at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

Approval was given for the Marlinton Presbyterian Church to use the Marlinton School cafeteria on July 9 and 10.

The employment of Robert Seaman was extended to 12 months to accommodate his duties as assistant principal, athletic director, assistant football coach, and head track coach at the High School.

The Board accepted the bid of the General Tire Company in Elkins to supply tires and tubes for the 1976-77 school year.

Approval was given for the payment of $250 to the Southern Regional Research and Training Institute for renewal agreement on the Pocahontas County Policy Manual.

Mrs. Alice Gibson appeared before the Board on behalf of the County Board of Health requesting that the Health Board be allowed to transfer approximately $650 in unexpended funds in the Health Nurse's travel expenses account to the payment of retirement and social security for the County Health Nurse. This travel money is an item in that portion of the Board of Health's budget that is funded by the Board of Education. The Board of Education approved this request.

The next regular Board meeting will be June 22.

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Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting June 22.

In the absence of the President, Moffett McNeel, Ernest Shaw was elected president protempore.

The Board approved the requests of the Pioneer Days Committee to use the old Marlinton Graded School lot for a Flea Market and the hallway of the Marlinton Elementary School for a Quilt Display.

The request of Reginald Atkins and James Morgan to use a classroom at the High School this summer for instruction leading to a Novice Class Amateur Radio License was approved.

The Board approved the sale of a 1960 Dodge school bus to the Braxton County Board of Education for $300.

The following resignations were accepted:

George Bartell as sixth grade teacher at Marlinton.

Brenda K. Cales as Title I Math teacher at Hillsboro.

Rebecca Ann Fleming as classroom and science teacher at Hillsboro.

Debora Johnson as second grade teacher at Marlinton.

The Board approved the transfer request of Kenneth Nottingham from the High School to Hillsboro to be the Title I Math teacher.

The transfer of Charles Rexrode from Green Bank to the Guidance Counseler position at PCHS was approved.

The Board approved the employment of Curtis Vick as seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher at Hillsboro and Lella Ann Dilley as fourth grade teacher at Durbin.

The Board approved the extension of the employment term of Janice Carter, Secretary at Durbin, from ten to eleven months with additional salary to be paid from Durbin school lunch funds.

The Board approved the request of Elizabeth Helmick to take the Marlinton majorettes to the State Majorette Camp at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

The Board approved certain supplemental appriations to the school budget for the 75-76 fiscal year as submitted by the Treasurer, Betty Lambert, to be sent to the State Board of School Finance for approval.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30 p. m.

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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1976

Historic Register

Pocahontas County
Historical Society, Inc.
U.S. Route 219
Marlinton, W. Va. 24954
Gentlemen:

We take great pleasure in informing you that the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has notified us of the entry of Frank and Anna Hunter House (Pocahontas County Museum) in "The National Register of Historic Places."

It is a distinct honor having Frank and Anna Hunter House (Pocahontas County Museum) entered on a list which identifies for the people those properties worthy of preservation for their historic value. Those who made it possible for this site to be brought within the protective inventory of irreplaceable historic resources of West Virginia will take justifiable pride in this recent announcement by the National Park Service.

May we extend our congratulations, and take this opportunity to inform you that an official certificate attesting to this honor will be forwarded under separate cover in the near future.

Sincerely,
Leonard M. Davis
State Historic
Preservation Officer

A report on the progress of this project and information on possible markers will be given at the next meeting of the Pocahontas County Historical Society on Monday, June 28.

Two old buildings are coming down in Marlinton. The two story building next to Marlinton Motor Sales was recently purchased by them from Mrs. Paul Overholt. It was built by her father, Paul Golden, probably between 1900-1905, as a warehouse. He bought wool and the big long sacks were suspended from the second floor stringers and were filled from the second floor. There used to be a smaller building next to it that was a chicken house and a coal house.

A second building coming down is owned by Marlinton Electric and is next to the Opera House. It formerly was a two-story building but after a fire was made into one story. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Slaven lived in the apartment upstairs at one time, also Mr. and Mrs. Tilton. The downstairs housed a three-chair barber shop for many years. Paul Gladwell was a barber there and remembers Bill Long, "Cotton" Roberts, Frank Moore, Elmer Palmer, and Clyde Evans as being other barbers who worked there. He thinks the barber shop closed about 1940.

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1976

PCHS Commencement

The Sixth Annual Commencement Exercises of Pocahontas County High School will be held Friday night, May 28, 1976, at 8:00 in the school gymnasium. The program will be conducted by students from the top ten per cent of the graduating class. Remarks will be made by J. Moffett McNeel, Jr., President of the Pocahontas County Board of Education, and Dr. James Lannan, Superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools. Diplomas will be given out by Dr. Lannan, assisted by Kenneth E. Vance, Principal of Pocahontas County High School, and Robert Seaman, assistant principal of Pocahontas County High School. Music will be provided by Mrs. Frances Eskridge. The public is invited to attend.

Members of the Senior Class:

Thomas Allen Arbogast
Bonnie Auldridge
Samuel Price Barlow II
Frank Lacy Barrett, Jr.
Alison L. Becker
Jeffrey Allen Bennett
Sandra Katrina Woods Beverage
Loretta Sue Rexrode Blankenship
Adam Charles Bond
Thomas W. Boothe
Diana Grace Buchanan
Kathleen Elaine Burks
Denise Alma Cain
Sherry Dale Calhoun
Eugene R. Carpenter
Curtis Bruce Carr
Karen Jean Cauley
Virginia Lee Cloonan
Douglas Martin Colaw
*Anita Susan Crist
*Gregory O. Curry
James Edward Cutlip
Mary Elizabeth Curry Dilley
Lewis Michael Dunbrack
John William Evans
Kitty Jena Galford
Lee G. Good
Debra C. Grimes
Emery Gilmer Grimes
Erma Louise Grimes
Rebecca Jo Grimes
Alfred Renick Gum, Jr.
o*Donald C. Gum II
Marilynn Elizabeth Gum
Richard B. Harper
Stephen Dale Hefner
Dick Richard Hickman
William Dallas Hill
Larry D. Holson
Marshall Allan Hoover
Norma Jean Irvine
Anetta Johnston
David R. Jonese
Karen Lynn Kellison
Susan Jane Kershner
Paul Allen Kesler, Jr.
o*Kris Douglas Kuhlken
Sally Lynn Lambert
Mary Ann Lightner
Fredrick Dale Long
Geraldine Patsy Mace
Debra Jean Martin
o*Elizabeth C. Martin
Faye Ellen Matheny
Steve McCarty
Robert C. McClure
Steven Victor McCoy
Carolyn S. McLaughlin
Estelle Cook McLaughlin
Michael Smith McLaughlin
Patrick Smith McLaughlin
Joseph Alan McMillion
Georgia McNeill
Randolph Curtis McPaters
Janice Carlene Millican
Gary W. Moats
Gloria Elaine Moats
Sherry Lee Wyatt Moore
Forrest L. Mullenax
Christopher P. Mullens
o*Randall Kenneth Nottingham
o*Larry G. Offutt
o Mary Jane Oref
Donald L. Pritt
John David Puffenbarger
Kathy Lynn Richmond
Janet Lee Rosencrance
Jimmie Arlie Ryder, Jr.
Mildred Carol Ryder
Debra A. Scott
Karen Elizabeth Scott
George Daniel Sewell
Debbie Lynn Sharp
James William Sharp
Leona Faye Sharp
Jeffrey L. Shaw
Annette Cheryl Shifflett
Linda E. Shue
Diana L. Simmons
Janie Lusk Slaven
David A. Stanley
Christine Rosalita Taylor
o*Gary Wayne Taylor
Mary Kathryn Taylor
Rachel Elizabeth Taylor
Bradley Allen Thomas
George Lee Thomas
Paula Jean Phillips Thomas
Kennison A. Thompson, Jr.
Priscilla Jean Tincher
John Joseph Totten
Michael L. Totten
Sandra E. Triplett
Edward Lee Turner
Mary Ann Johnston Vandevender
Teresa Lynn VanReenen
Debra L. Varela
Alberta Esther Varner
Harrison Eugene Varner
John Freeman Walker
Jeffrey Douglas Weiford
o*Charles Albert Wilfong
o*Janetta Irene Williams
Alan Todd Wright
Emma L. Young

*Top Ten Percent
oNational Honor Society

Add,
David Lee Buzzard
Patrica Varner Mallow

Golden Horseshoe Winners

Highest Scorers on the Pocahontas County West Virginia Golden Horseshoe test are:

Greg Friel
Layton Beverage
Anne Burns
Vera Wade

They are all students in Marlinton Elementary School.

Greg Friel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Friel.

Layton Beverage is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Beverage.

Anne Burns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns, Jr.

Vera Wade is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Camie Wade.

These students will go to Charleston this Friday, May 21, to be dubbed Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe by the State Superintendent of Schools, Daniel B. Taylor.

In a morning assembly they will be addressed by Governor Moore, William Brotherton, president of the Senate, and Lewis McManus, speaker of the House, and Superintendent Taylor. They will meet members of the Board of Public Works.

The Golden Horseshoe Ceremony, which began in 1930, is a climax of West Virginia studies, including history, geography, industry, geology, flora and fauna, natural resources, and government. The tests are prepared and scored by the State Department of Education.

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on May 11.

Fred Burns, Jr., and Doug Dunbrack met with the Board to request the use of the Marlinton Athletic Field June 7—12 or June 14—19 for a carnival sponsored by the Marlinton Fire Department. This request was approved.

The Board approved the following school excursions using private transportation:

Hillsboro second grade to the Edray Fish Hatchery and Edray Community Center for field trip and class picnic on May 27.

A sheep shearing school on May 13 and 15.

High School Forestry and Building Maintenance classes to visit Westvaco Gauley Woodland timber operations on May 12.

High School Forestry class to visit the Westvaco paper mill at Covington on May 13.

Hillsboro Fifth Grade to have field trip to Cranberry Glades on May 18.

Marlinton Eighth Grades to Watoga State Park for a class trip on June 2.

Marlinton Kindergarten to Foodland for a field trip on May 13 and 18.

The Board approved the use of school buses for the following trips: Special Education students from PCHS to the W. Va. Special Olympics in Parkersburg on June 4 and 5.

Senior Class at the High School to the Observatory for a senior class picnic on May 25 or 26.

The Board approved the use of school buses to transport campers to and from a Youth Opportunity Camp to be held in June at the 4-H Camp at Thornwood.

The request of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Women to use the Hillsboro cafeteria on May 29 for the Alumni Banquet was approved.

The Board accepted an office machine service contract for PCHS submitted by Brewer Office Equipment Company of Lewisburg.

Approval was given for the use of three buses, drivers, and folding chairs by the National Youth Science Camp, June 27 through July 19.

The Board approved the use of two buses and drivers for the Scenic River Clean-up Campaign this summer.

The request for the use of the mini-bus to transport students to the High School for the Summer Driver Education Program was approved.

Miss Rebecca Ann Fleming was employed as a science teacher at Hillsboro Elementary School for the 1976-77 school term.

Harry Booth was employed as Physical Education teacher at Marlinton Elementary School for the 1976-77 school year.

Mrs. Donna Barksdale was transferred from teaching the first grade at Marlinton to Title I Reading Specialist. This is a new position and is designed as a corrective program. Mrs. Barksdale will diagnose reading problems and sug-

gest teaching methods to be used by the classroom teacher to overcome these problems. She will be working in the Title I schools—Durbin, Marlinton and Hillsboro.

Miss Laurel Puleo was employed as First Grade teacher at Marlinton Elementary school for the 1976-77 school term.

The resignation of Miss Wanda Wimer, Title I Speech therapist, at the end of the 1975-76 school year was accepted. Miss Wimer resigned to attend graduate school.

Mrs. Yvonne Lannan was employed as Librarian at Marlinton Elementary School for the 1976-77 term.

The employment period of Mrs. Louise Barnisky, Marlinton School Cafeteria Manager, was extended to eleven months.

Miss Deborah Faulknier was employed as a substitute teacher for the 1976-77 school term.

Approval was given for the use of various Marlinton School facilities during Pioneer Days, July 9-10.

Moffett McNeel was chosen to represent the Board at the graduation ceremonies at the High School on May 28.

May 28 was set as the day for the Eighth Grade students to go to the High School to register for the Ninth Grade.

The Board reviewed the bids received for the construction of a wing to the vocational building of the High School to house the Drafting and Nurses Aide programs and a separate building to be used as a Maintenance Lab. Two bids were received and had been opened on April 23. Kyle Construction Company, Summersville, bid $136,951 on the wing and $27,049 on the lab building while Moss Associates, Harrisonburg, Virginia, bid $126,834 and $33,425; with only $146,000 available for the project, to both build and equip these new facilities, both bids were too high. The matter was turned over to the Vocational Education Advisory Committee, consisting of G. M. Peery, David Smith, James Lannan, Moffett McNeel, Kenneth Vance, and Tony Hamed, for their consideration. This committee recommended to the Board that the Maintenance Lab part of the program be eliminated and that the Board's architect, K. F. Weimer, negotiate with the two bidders to attempt to bring the price on the Vocational Wing to $124,000, so $22,000 will be left for equipment. The Board approved this recommendation.

The Board approved the April payroll in the amount of $174,783,27.

The next regular Board meeting will be on May 25.

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Open Letter to the People of Pocahontas County

I am writing this letter three days after the election and I still cannot believe that 65% or 2163 of the voters of Pocahontas County voted against the safety and health of the 1486 children who attend the elementary schools of the county. I suppose most of the people who voted against the issue did not attend the public meetings and do not realize that the present schools are unsafe.

Many of these elementary children are sitting in classrooms under plaster ceilings attached to wooden slats which have been hanging there more than fifty years. Periodically areas as large as ten feet square fall from these ceilings, knocking large holes in the school furniture. Fortunately, so far, there have been no children sitting under the areas where plaster has fallen. If they had been, their heads could have been split wide open; because these pieces of plaster are usually one and a half inches thick and do not fall flat as one might suppose, but turn to fall on their edges.

In my twenty-three years as principal at Hillsboro, I know of three attempts at arson in those buildings. One fire, of undetermined origin, in a classroom on Sunday was caught by an alert custodian, and extinguished by the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department in time to save the old Hillsboro Elementary School. I also saw the old Bus Garage at Hillsboro burn flat to the ground within fifteen minutes. One school bus was burned and two bus drivers barely escaped with their lives. I also witnessed the two fires at the Board of Education Building and at the old Marlinton High School. Most people do not realize how rapidly these fires can spread nor the intense heat that can be generated which will ignite any combustible materials in the building.

The 1975-76 fire marshal's report lists 94 violations in the county schools. These include inadequate and unsafe fire exits, combustible wooden and glass classroom doors which must be replaced with fire resistant doors, and electrical wiring which does not meet the National Code. Also, among the requirements are installation of escape routes from all second and third story classrooms. The chances are good that if a fire occurred in any of the present buildings, during school hours, the loss of life from smoke inhalation or fire could be catastrophic.

We are fortunate to have been born Americans. But what brought our great country into existence and made it the envy of most other countries in the World? One of Thomas

Jefferson's persistant ideas was that education of all the people participating in a democracy would bring about greatness for our country. Our forefathers in Pocahontas County believed in education. How right they all were! Education has made our country great.

Some of the people long for the "good old days" of one room schools, which weren't so good when one thinks about them. I attended a two room school which dwindled to a one room school before I finished the eighth grade at Minnehaha Springs. I also taught one room schools for three years. Each of them had outside toilets, Brunside stoves, and no running water. I have seen children who walked three miles to school on very cold mornings come in crying because their feet were nearly frozen. The treatment was to put their feet in a pan of cold water, which felt warm to the feet, until they thawed and didn't hurt anymore. There are many good things to say about the one room schools; among them are that discipline at school usually meant discipline at home, teachers were respected and usually invited to the home for meals or to spend the night, parents were determined that their children were to receive the education that they themselves were unable to attain. The people that built these one room schools and the presently occupied schools at Hillsboro, Marlinton, Green Bank, and Durbin had to sacrifice in order to get them. They had no automobiles, no indoor plumbing, no television, no radio, nor central heating; all are considered almost essential in most present day Pocahontas County homes. Their taxes were certainly more percentagewise than the pittance asked in the recent election.

I am not advocating a return to the one room school, they are gone forever, but the recent election shows that we have lost something that we have got to get back. Something that I thought we had; such as pride in our school system, a determination that our children have a better education that we had, and that they have opportunities for educational advancement equal to or better than other counties in the state. Our surrounding counties of Greenbrier, Nicholas, Webster, and Randolph have passed bond issues similar to the one just defeated. Don't the children of Pocahontas County deserve the same opportunities as other counties?

I publicly urge the Pocahontas County Board of Education to call a special election and resubmit the issue as soon as practical. In the meantime, perhaps the 1163 people who voted for the bond issue can convince the others that the need is urgent. Let us not wait until tragedy strikes.

Charles Moore
Former teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools, Pocahontas County

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Early Settlers

Sam Hill has compiled the following list of the early settlers of Pocahontas County from the pages of Rev. W. T. Price's book, "Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County." The page number follows each name.

Adam Arbogast, 122; William Auldridge, 368; Col. John Baxter, 50; Henry Baker, 463; John Beard, 548; Josiah Beard, 343; John Bradshaw, 505; James & John Bridger, 558; David Bright, 542; Joseph Brown, 363; John Bruffey, 117; Joshua Buckley, 211; John Burgess, 351; Abram Burner, 426; Reuben Bussard, 538; Valentine Cackley, 197; James Callison, 435; Lewis Canaan, 565; Michael Cleek, 379; William Clendenin, 155; John Cochran, 155; Thomas Cochran, 422; John Collins, 412; John Conrad, 397; Joseph & Andrew Crouch, 565; Michael Daugherty, 400; Henry Dilley, 298; Charles Lawrence and Thomas Drinnon, 459; Abram Duffield, 451; William Edmiston, 439; John Ewing, 612; John Flemmens, 274; Jeremiah Friel, 175; Thomas Galford, 269; Robert Gay, 128; David Gibson, 195; Felix Grimes, 188; David Hannah, 219; Richard Hill, 116; William Higgins, 273; Ellis Hughes, 108; Peter Ingram, 273; David James, 347; John Jordan, 500; George Kee, 292; Daniel Kerr, 376; Charles & Jacob Kinnison, 149; James Lackey, 567; Peter Lightner, 180; Jacob Marlin, 105; Timothy Mc Carty, 404; Dan McCollam, 229; John McNeel, 135; Thomas McNeil, 381; John Moore, 289; William Moore, 355; Levi Moore, 284; Moses Moore, 108; William Nottingham, 526; William Poage, 513; Frank Riffle, 567; Stephen Sewell, 104; Jacob Seybert, 140; John Sharp, 213; William Sharp, 331; John Slaven, 144; John Smith, 302; James Tallman, 486; John Warwick, 428; Jacob Warwick, 234; John Webb, 416; John & William White, 565; Alexander Waddell, 479; Ralph & Stephen Wanless, 455; James Waugh, 336; Samuel Waugh, 338; John Yeager, 442; William Young, 306.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society is hoping to locate the sites of the homes of as many of these and other early Pocahontas County pioneers as possible. Then it is hoped to mark these sites with a suitable marker as one of the County's Bicentennial projects. We hope that the descendants of these pioneers will take an active interest in this project.

If you have any information as to the location of these homes, please send it to Sam Hill, Hillpoint, Hillsboro, W. Va. 24946.

Early Pioneers

Anyone who is a descendant of the early pioneers of Pocahontas County of the Revolutionary Period or anyone who has knowledge of the location of their cabins or homes is asked to write to Sam Hill, Hillpoint, Hillsboro, W. Va. 24946. Mr. Hill is working on a Pocahontas Bicentennial project to mark the locations of the early cabins and farm homes. Some people have given him some information verbally but he wold like to have it written. Sometimes verbal details are forgotten.

Add Henry Harper, Page 393.

School Bond Fails

It would be beneficial to give our children reared in Pocahontas County a safe and thorough education. Perhaps we could be more realistic about possibilities. For 6,700 persons to go in debt 2.8 million dollars is quite extravagant and would result in modern schools which are often shoddily built and show the cracks of age in just a few years. Are these old buildings as irreparable as is made out? In Europe 800 year old buildings prevail. Why not pass a School Bond for $600,000 to repair the existing schools and add to the taxpayers burden the permanent expense of a larger maintenance crew. At this time there are only 2 men to handle all the schools in the county. There need to be at least 5, possibly 6 men, for effective maintenance. Even the best buildings in the world will fall apart if not taken care of.

My mother has been a teacher for 24 years, both in the old schools and in the modern buildings. She says she appreciates the high ceilings in the old classrooms because they reduce the noise factor considerably, allow more air space for the 32 students and teacher.

The general credit market is in a squeeze and it is already too late to go deep in debt. Our existing schools are all right. If the roofs need fixed, let's fix them. If the drains are clogged, let's dig them out. If the chimneys need fixed, let's fix them too. If the fire door needs hinges, let's put hinges on it.

Sincerely,
B. S. Lauster
Bartow

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on June 8.

The most important item of business the Board transacted at this meeting was to take steps to determine in detail exactly what needs to be done to the various school buildings in the County to bring them up to the standard required by state fire and health regulations. For this purpose the Board retained Architect K. F. Weimer on an hourly rate of approximately $30 for no more than two days to perform the following duties:

(1) meet with a representative of the State Fire Marshal to determine all fire regulation deficiencies.

(2) make an on-site inspection of the structural capacity of all buildings.

(3) meet with a representative of the Health Department to determine all health regulation deficiencies.

(4) make recommendations to the Board as to the expenditure of funds to bring the County's school buildings up to fire and health regulation requirements.

The Board agreed to pay Mr. Weimer the following amount for past services rendered since August 1973:

Preparation of Comprehensive Plan—$11,768.00

Travel expenses—$251.78.

Reproduction cost and postage—$1,110.24.

Telephone expense—$29.94.

Total $13,159.96.

Kerth Friel, Director of Maintenance, met with the Board concerning roof work to be done on several schools. He reported that the low bids for materials were as follows: Green Bank Elementary, $885.11; Hillsboro, $1902.57; and the Early Childhood Education classroom at Marlinton, $281.40; total, 3069.08. This work is to be done by the County maintenance staff.

The Board approved the April Financial Report, the May payroll and Treasurer's Report, Investment Report for June 8, a budget transfer, and the payment of various bills.

The Board rescinded its previous action in adopting the Macmillan Math Series for use in grades 1 through 8. This was done as the McMillan texts are not on the state approved list for use in grades 7 and 8. The Board adopted the McMillan books for grades 1 through 6 and the Scott, Foresman and Company Math Series for grades 7 and 8, beginning with the 1976-77 school year.

Permission was granted for James Shearer to attend a Free Service School concerning school bus body maintenance and repair sponsored by the Blue Bird Body Company on June 22.

Approval was given to the request of the Green Bank High School Class of 1926 to erect a small marker at the Green Bank school to commemorate their 50th Anniversary and to mark the site of the old high school.

Approval was given for a summer English class at PCHS for juniors and seniors to be taught by Mrs. Virginia Shafer. Her salary will be paid by the students tuition.

The Board approved paying 1976-77 membership dues to the W. Va. School Board Association in the amount of $979.17.

Approval was given for the PCHS majorettes to attend the National Majorette Clinic at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

Approval was given for the Marlinton Presbyterian Church to use the Marlinton School cafeteria on July 9 and 10.

The employment of Robert Seaman was extended to 12 months to accommodate his duties as assistant principal, athletic director, assistant football coach, and head track coach at the High School.

The Board accepted the bid of the General Tire Company in Elkins to supply tires and tubes for the 1976-77 school year.

Approval was given for the payment of $250 to the Southern Regional Research and Training Institute for renewal agreement on the Pocahontas County Policy Manual.

Mrs. Alice Gibson appeared before the Board on behalf of the County Board of Health requesting that the Health Board be allowed to transfer approximately $650 in unexpended funds in the Health Nurse's travel expenses account to the payment of retirement and social security for the County Health Nurse. This travel money is an item in that portion of the Board of Health's budget that is funded by the Board of Education. The Board of Education approved this request.

The next regular Board meeting will be June 22.

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Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting June 22.

In the absence of the President, Moffett McNeel, Ernest Shaw was elected president pro-tempore.

The Board approved the requests of the Pioneer Days Committee to use the old Marlinton Graded School lot for a Flea Market and the hallway of the Marlinton Elementary School for a Quilt Display.

The request of Reginald Atkins and James Morgan to use a classroom at the High School this summer for instruction leading to a Novice Class Amateur Radio License was approved.

The Board approved the sale of a 1960 Dodge school bus to the Braxton County Board of Education for $300.

The following resignations were accepted:

George Bartell as sixth grade teacher at Marlinton.

Brenda K. Cales as Title I Math teacher at Hillsboro.

Rebecca Ann Fleming as classroom and science teacher at Hillsboro.

Debora Johnson as second grade teacher at Marlinton.

The Board approved the transfer request of Kenneth Nottingham from the High School to Hillsboro to be the Title I Math teacher.

The transfer of Charles Rexrode from Green Bank to the Guidance Counseler position at PCHS was approved.

The Board approved the employment of Curtis Vick as seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher at Hillsboro and Lella Ann Dilley as fourth grade teacher at Durbin.

The Board approved the extension of the employment term of Janice Carter, Secretary at Durbin, from ten to eleven months with additional salary to be paid from Durbin school lunch funds.

The Board approved the request of Elizabeth Helmick to take the Marlinton majorettes to the State Majorette Camp at W. Va. Wesleyan College, July 16—19.

The Board approved certain supplemental appriations to the school budget for the 75-76 fiscal year as submitted by the Treasurer, Betty Lambert, to be sent to the State Board of School Finance for approval.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30 p. m.

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on July 13.

This was an important meeting as the main order of business concerned the fire safety deficiences of the County's Schools as indicated by the Fire Marshal's office.

Meeting with the Board were Mr. Wayne Lewis, from the Fire Marshal's office, Dr. Doug Machesney from the State Department of Education, and Mr. Haskel Brown, representing the Board's Architect, K. F. Weimer Associates.

Mr. Brown presented to the Board a report he had prepared on the work required to bring the County schools into compliance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal. This report was prepared following an inspection he and Mr. Lewis made of the schools last month. A summary of this report is given elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Lewis both spoke to the board concerning the fire hazards in the schools. Mr. Lewis made it very clear that the County must set up a compliance plan and that it must be followed. The Fire Marshal will not be unreasonable in the amount of time allowed to complete the work, but sooner or later, buildings that do not comply will be recommended to the State Superintendent of Schools for closure. Mr. Lewis indicated that all work need not be done at once, but the various items can be placed in an order of priority.

Unfortunately, as Mr. Brown pointed out, the items with top priority are the most expensive to complete. The work to be completed first is to provide proper exiting which includes the building of stair towers at all schools and to achieve one hour fire separation ability between the floors in the buildings. Then come proper fire alarm systems and the upgrading of the electrical wiring in all buildings. Following on the priority list come emergency lighting, proper fire doors, hazard separation, emergency windows, upgrading of interior finishes, and the other items on the report. Mr. Brown said that in his opinion the completion of the highest priority items alone will cost almost $1,000,000.

Dr. Machesney reviewed the Board on the need to have any plan that makes use of the $1.2 million available to Pocahontas County from the Better School Amendment approved by the State Board of Education. He gave his opinion that the State Board would not approve a modified comprehensive plan for the County unless some new construction was involved. It was also his opinion that there would not be any additional state money for school building construction for a good many years and that a change in the method of supporting schools on the county level by the use of the property tax will not occur in the near future.

David Smith, Vocational Director at the High School, appeared before the Board concerning the new section to the Vocational Building that is now under construction. A decision was needed to be made as to what material to use in a new hallway leading to the new portion. After considering various alternatives, the Board selected terrazzo to match the existing hallways.

The Board employed the following teachers for the 1976-77 school year: Miss Lillie LaVonne Witt as science and self-contained classroom teacher at Hillsboro.

Miss Marilyn Armstrong as second grade teacher at Marlinton.

Mrs. Diane Smith as Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton.

Peter Tennant as Fifth Grade teacher at Marlinton.

Miss Kathern Hall as mathematics teacher at Green Bank.

Ben Campbell as social studies teacher at Green Bank.

Mrs. Alice Vance as Sixth Grade teacher at Marlinton.

Miss Jane Cogar as Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton. This is a new position and will allow kindergarten students to go full time (4 days) at Marlinton this coming school year.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Carole Young as Fourth Grade teacher at Green Bank.

The Board approved the transfers of Mrs. Catherine Bartels from Early Childhood Education teacher at Marlinton to the Fourth Grade position at Green Bank and Mrs. Danieth Patton from Green Bank to fill the math vacancy at the High School.

Superintendent Lannan reported to the Board that all teaching positions are presently filled for the 76-77 school year.

The Board approved the employment of James Ryder and James Simmons, Jr., as custodians at the High School.

The Board approved a policy to prevent any discrimination against students or employees in the Pocahontas County Schools on the basis of sex as required by Title IX of the Federal Education Act.

The request of Ancil Schmidt to use the Marlinton cafeteria for a 4-H Fair on August 16-18 was approved.

The Board gave permission for Lee McMann and two students to attend FFA Leadership Conference at Jackson's Mill, July 15-18, and for Dolan Irvine and two students to attend the State Land Judging Contest on July 16 at Jackson's Mill.

Approval was given for an adult summer driver education class at the high school.

The Board authorized Moffett McNeel to act as "applicant" on behalf of the Board in the requesting of surplus lands from the Observatory adjacent to the Green Bank School.

June Riley was selected to represent the Board on the Regional Education Service Agency Board of Directors.

The Board approved the County Special Education Plan for Fiscal Year 78.

The next Board meeting will be July 27.

In this volume I have tried to include all the County Board of Education meetings, all the county school news, graduation of Pocahontas County High School of 1976, and Honor students, Golden Horseshoe winners, and finally as many of the teachers and their early experiences in the one to four room early schools as are obtainable.

Here I wish to commend Dr. Louise McNiell Pease of Lewisburg for her excellent memory and written description of her early school days. Such a vivid article from her first day in school, through the grades and Edray District High School and on through her first teaching assignments - her classmates, name by name for Louise remembers all of them and many events and sports they competed in.

This one paper alone is worth all the trouble, time and correspondence that has gone into this section. In fact the old one room schools of Pocahontas will long be remembered through this paper.

Other teachers have assured me they would send their experiences in teaching. Any would be a welcome addition to what has already been collected.

Slaty Fork School as remembered
by Lena Hannah Baxter.

Lena attended school at Slaty Fork from the first to eighth grade. Her sister Eva Hannah taught school there while she was a student. Lena's teachers during those years (1908-1915) ?. were

Maude Smith

Kyle Woods

Grace Stewart

Marry Hannah

Stella Hannah, her aunt, and others.

Some of Lena's grade school class mates were.

Bessie Hannah

Marion Hannah

Willie Gibson

Florance Gibson

Allie Gibson

Phillip Gibson

Luther Gibson

Edna Gibson

Lizzie Gibson

Mary Gibson

Dock Gibson

Harland Gibson

Forest Gibson

Ona Gibson

Lonnie Gibson

Lee Gibson

Mamie Sheldon

From Slaty Fork Lena was in the one room High School for one year in Marlinton. Her teacher the first year was Mr. William Buckley. Some of Lenas classmates in Marlinton were:

Herbert Vaughan
Arnold Klein
Dora Moppin
Nell Moppin
Leo Price
Reid Moore
Floyd Baxter (Her future husband)
Wilbur Dean
Hunter Dean
Frank McLaughlin
Annie Smith
Vernon East.
and several not remembered.

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Note: I remember Arnold Klein as his brother Stanley and I werein seventh grade together - after eighth grade Stanley went to Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia for his High School studies. His sister Ruth was in the third or fourth grade. Another student in the seventh grade was Kenneth Harris whose family had moved to Marlinton from Watoga so their children could attend better schools during the last two years Mr. Harris was with the saw mill at Watoga. /glv

Notes on Pocahontas County--1914-1938
(Written for The Lt. Glen Vaughan Historical Collection)

I was born and brought up on the old family farm near Buckeye--
a faded white cottage under Bridger's Gap. The old house--which
lived in until 1932--had been built by my grandfather, Captain
Monroe McNeill (C.S.A.) just after his return from Yankee prison
Fort Delaware. It was a 6½ room Dutch cottage and had two great
chimneys at each end. One of these chimneys still had the old
fireplace, which was a center in my childhood and where we still some-
times cooked corn pone and boiled beef and "fodder" beans.

My mother and father, my Granny Fanny (Perkins) McNeill, and my
older brother and sister, Ward and Elizabeth, composed our family
group until 1918 when my brother Jim was born. Also, in my very early
childhood, an important member of our household was "Aunt" Malindy
Griffin--not a blood relative, but the kindly old woman who had no
other home and and come to us to rock the children, tell stories, and
sing her "quavery" songs.

We were busy on the farm, and I early learned to ride the horse,
to haul hay, plow and hoe corn, feed the animals, hunt the cows, milk,
and carry in the wood and water. We churned, too, and made cheese,
lard, soft soap, kraut, apple butter, dried apples and "fodder"
beans. In the spring we usually "opened" the sugar camp up the hollow
and made sugar tree molasses, sugar cakes, and sugar Easter eggs. We
also picked wild greens, wild fruit, and the various herbs for
medicine. And I can remember Granny picking, washing, and carding

her wool, spinning it on her "little" wheel, and--very occasionally--
making candles in the old candle mold. She leached out wood ashes for
her soap in the old ash hopper, and we made a "run" of cider every fall,
buried our apples and root vegetables in great holes in the back yard
her garden, and picked great sacks of walnuts and chestnuts--the
chestnuts picked from a great grove of trees, called the "Chestnut
Orchard" which stood just across our line fence on the farm of my
Uncle Dan'l (Daniel A. McNeill), who ran--with his two sons--the store
down in the village, just above the fork where Rush Run goes into Swago
Creek.

Our village had four centers--Uncle Dan'l's (Wint's) Store, the
two room school house, and our two white churches, called the "Upper
Church" and the "Lower".

When I was five, I went to my first school down at Buckeye. My father, "G.D."
was principal and Miss Annie Cleek was my first teacher. My primer
book was about Dot and Don. "Here we are. We are Dot and Don. Here we
are." In the second grade, Miss Pearl Carter was my teacher, and I
still remember the memorization of the 48 states and of West Virginia's
55 counties: "Barbor, Berkley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, etc." In the
third grade, Miss Marjorie Warwick was my teacher. Other Buckeye teachers
I remember were Miss Carrie Brown (Morrison), Miss Clara Palmer, and
Miss Rose Correll.

When I was in grade 4, my mother and father moved the family to
Marlington for about a year and a half, and I went to school to Miss

...and Miss Pennybacker. For me, this move to town was rather ...ficult, and I was lonely, poor at my studies, and became utterly ...used by the mathematical complexities of long division and common ...actions.

Our town house, which we rented, was on Upper Camden--the big old ...se which today stands between the Miss Susie Gay House and Alice ...th's. I often played with Alice and with Jean Sharp down on the next ...ock. Other neighbors were the Mays, Wades, McCoys, McFerrins, and ...rgans. I sometimes played with Billy Duncan or went down on Lower ...den to play with Libby Williams--a little girl with a blonde Dutch ...r and blue eyes and an up-turned nose. Sometimes, too, I visited my ...tle cousin Helen Overholt at her house near the old Fairground, and ...metimes Aunt Lucy (Overholt) would send us out in the "Common" to ...ng home her Jersey milkcow. In our barn back of our house, we kept ...farm milkcow or two, and there were several other cows who pastured ...n the town "Common", and--I believe, too, that a few chickens, inhabited ...e barns of allys of the town. On a few occasions an ox wagon passed ...ong Upper Camden, and there was the Livery stable and the old "Opera ...use"--a monumental "drama" in cement.

As I look back at this old town circa 1920, it seems to me to have ...en a prosperous and self-sufficient village. There were the daily ...rth and south trains, at least one drug store, groceries, hardware, ...ks, hotel, etc. There were four practicing physicians, three ...ists, and numerous lawyers. We had regular ice service, a garbage ...n, and daily milk delivery. On Main Street were the banks, the

various stores, and even a milliner, whose job it was to trim the ladies' hats. The Tannery whistle marked the hours, and there were the churches and the two almost new brick schools.

During this era, my father was County Superintendent of Schools, and because one winter I was presumably too ill to attend school, I went with "G.D." in our Model-T Ford on a wide-ranging school visitation--to Durbin, Cass, Hillsboro, Huntersville, Elk, etc. and up the windy hollows to one room school houses on Droop and Beaver Creek. The question of my illness remains a question. Presumably, I was afflicted with St. Vitus Dance, but (in 1976) I am inclined to believe that my illness was the "Common fractions syndrome." Anyway, I visited the country schools with G.D. and have always been able to add and subtract! This mathematical block of mine was a great puzzle and pain to G.D. who--at age seven--had already worked his way through Ray's Third Arithmetic!

To be a child in Marlinton during these years was to be happy and free. We played around the Slough, walked the railroad bridge, played hopscotch, roller skated (I one <u>one</u> of Jean Sharp's skates.....), rolled hoops, followed the ice wagon for its delicious "off-fallings", went to Chautauqua, to picnics, and hoped for an ice cream cone from Ice's Drug Store. Or one could attend a Sunday School festival, feast in Aunt Lucy's grape arbor on a fall Saturday, or wait for the utter bliss of circus day. Or if one grew tired of this all-year waiting, one could go up to the Depot and wait for the noon and afternoon trains.

My family's sojurn in town was not successful, and when I was [illegible] 10 years old, we returned to the farm and remained there--as brother Jim still remains. I went to the 6th and 7th grades at [illegible]keye, where--by now--we had playground swings and our first "hot [illegible]ch"--. For this latter innovation, the children brought the meat and [illegible]etables for a mighty soup pot which the teacher boiled all morning on [illegible] top of the "Big Room" heating stove.

When I was 12, I entered Edray District High School where G.D. had [illegible]t (1923) became principal. Some of the High School teachers, 1923-27, [illegible]re "Cap" Killingsworth, "Bunyan" Lord, "Miss Fannie" (Overholt), Miss [illegible]rnby, Miss Stancill, Esther Williams Green, Miss Eskridge, Miss Yeager, [illegible]ss Richardson, William D. Saunders, Jr., Mr. Travis, and Mr. Clutter--[illegible]om whom I always managed a marginal D--in math.

In these years, "Bulldog" Kenny was our football star; Mary Warwick [illegible]lop, most attractive; Ed Rexrode, most popular; and Add McNeill our "littlest boy". "Bunny" Hill and Libby Williams were our girls' basket-[illegible]ll stars, and I became a questionable and heavy-footed guard on the [illegible]27 team. One of the more shocking "great events" of the 1927 season [illegible] that we girls first ware our "new" athletic shorts for basketball! [illegible]s above-the-knees shorts replaced our black sateen or blue serge [illegible]orers and were--along with the "boyish bob"--the very "latest" thing.

I remember many of the High School "kids" of this era. I remember [illegible]is McCoy--and his banjo, and I remember Jesse Wiley, the Hill twins, [illegible]ay girls--their lovely voices--and Margaret Van Reeman, Anna

Dennison, Margaret Rose, Bus Edgar, Helen Smith, Margarite Moore, Louise Smith, Pearl Auldridge, Allie Kelley, Virginia and Gaynelle Moore, Laura Nelson, Virginia Neel, Babe Wilson, Charlie Miles, Fan Hill, Sterle Shrader, etc. etc.

And I remember, forever, "G.D." walking the corridors and telling sem stories in chapel. I remember, too, Mr. Clutter's chapel rendition of Kipling's "Gunga Din"! We had various clubs--French, Glee, Literary, "pep", etc., and at football games would yell, "Boom-a-lacka, Boom-a-lacka, Bow, Wow, Wow! Chicka-lacka, chicka-lacka, Chow! Chow! Chow! Boom-a-lacka, chicka lacka, Who are we? Edray District High School! Can't you see?"

After the spring of 1927, I was in and out of college and taught 5½ terms in the Pocahontas schools. My teaching and trying-to-get-through-college years were 1928-1938--the decade of the Great Depression.

My first school teaching experience was in the "Brush Country", at Pleasant Hill school. I boarded at Oley Jackson's and at Menafee's or--in good weather--walked from the Fairground road to the school house--quite a trek (3½ miles?) down-hill and up-hollow.

At Pleasant Hill, I had about 25 pupils in all eight grades, and though--as was common in these years--the plan had been for the big boys to "run me out of the school", I had my happiest year--in all my 35 years of school teaching--in the Brush Country School. I knew and visited over-night with the parents, and there were evenings of mountain music and popcorn and chestnuts roasting in the coals. And there were pie suppers, the Christmas pageant, and other community

ights at school. In school, I had several families of Wilfong children (first cousins) and the Wheeler children and the Waughs. I remember ny of the Wilfong children--Granville's, Earl and Frances; Seebert's Clarence, Harry, and Catherine; Ress Wilfong's Wilburn, Valley, and ittle Kate; and Asa Wilfong's little Elsie. There were the Menefee ildren, Starling and Evelyn; Eula, Edith, and Zoe Wheeler; Iris and dith Dean; Rebecca Jackson; Elzie and Arch Waugh; and Denton Wilfong's ward and Reed. It has been 46 years since I taught at Pleasant Hill, t Howard Wilfong died long ago in World War II. But I still remember ward's red hair and freckles, and I remember Elzie Waugh--one of y favorite little boys--and I remember Eula Wheeler's neat arithmetic gers and Rebecca Jackson's little red coat. Outsiders would call e Brush Country school an "Appalachian Backwash", but to me it is, rever, my best school. The people were warm and friendly, the chil- en learned gladly, and I was 19 years old, walking up the "Crick" a September morning with the fare-well-summer all in purple bloom. t was that year--in Jackson's log house along the dirt road--that I egan my first book of poetry, Mountain White. Because there was no t in my bedroom, I wrote the book in bed--with bedquilts piled over e and a warm coverlid wrapped around my shoulders. I would write e at night by the oil lamp light. It was a good year, and I earned t short of $90.00 a month, paid $15.00 for my room and board, and ved some money for college fees.

y next school was at Slaty Fork. Paul Sharp was principal and ie Gaye Hannah and Rebecca Slavens the two other teachers in this

..., modern, brick "consolidated school". I boarded up on Elk--near ...ry's chapel--with "Uncle" Bob and "Aunt" Ellie (Sharp) Gibson--who ...s truly a "saint on earth." ~~In the~~ Aunt Ellie would get up before daylight, build the ...res, and start breakfast. Then, she would kneel down in the sitting ...om and say her prayers "out ~~loved~~ loud"--praying for all her loved ones ...me by name--"God bless Allie, God bless Willie, God bless Little ...erl~~e~~." Dear "Aunt" Ellie--with her work-gnarled hands and happy ...ughter and great steaming plates of hot biscuits and fried ham. ...d as she sang as she worked, I know there is--for her--that "land that ... fairer than day."

Down at the Slaty Fork school, our first school buses ran in from ...ce and from the top of Elk. That year Willie Gibson would not send ...s children to school. He was against consolidation and the yellow ...s--long before the Supreme Court got the blame.

I remember Willie's and Stella's children--Goldie, Sterl~~e~~, Louise ...ho was named for me) Glenna, and all. And down at school were Stanley ...ee and Charmolea Gibson, Wilda Smallridge (such nice handwriting), ...wrence, and Wanda Lee Smith, Cecil Sage, Ruby Galford, Nancy Coberly, ...rwick Gibson, and all the Maces, Hannahs, Van Deveners, Sharps, ...rners, etc. And there were the Thomas children--little Harry is, ...day, a medical doctor out ~~in New Mexico~~ West, and ~~Willie's~~ Willie's children are in ...troit~~s~~ and all over--but come home to the Gibson Reunion every year.

My next 3½ years of teaching were at Buckeye Graded ("the home ...hool") where I taught "The Little Room". Hugh Moore and then Bill ...kley were my principals, and the children included Evelyn Cochran, ...eny", "Sis", "Buck" and Juanita Howard; Grace, Dot, and Betty ...ers; Doris, Dorothy, and Margaret Miller; "Sis" and Junior Holley;

laude Auldridge; George Duncan; Junior Jackson (expert in Mathematics); ...y Ellison--(excellent student); Fay and Fred Morrison; Eddie ...lmer; Dempsey and Walter McNeill, Harry and Ernestine Cutlip, Ruth ...d Florence Auldridge, James and Russel Phillips, and all the rest.

At Buckeye school we had festivals and pie suppers and Christmas ...ees and cakes walks. At noon and recess we played "Prisoner's Base", ...un, Sheep, Run", "Pretty Girl Station", "Go in and out the Window", ...d stick ball.

The old school house is a ruin now, and the bell has gone from its ...oud white tower. But for us it still rings out across the village ...n the sweet September mornings, and all the children came running to ...line up for flag salute. Then we march in to our seats and stand there ...to sing "America", "My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty...." ...Then we bow our heads at the last verse and sing it very softly, "Our ...Father's God to thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing...."

In Feb. 1938, when I had saved enough money for tuition, I resigned ...my job and went to Miami University of Ohio to work on my M.A. Degree. ...Since then, I have returned only briefly--to visit, to spend a few ...weeks at the Miller Place (purchased 1941), or to teach college ex-...tension courses up at town. But in a very deep sense, the Pocahontas ...earth is still under my "bootsoles". It was a good world to grow up ...in, and I am grateful to have known it and to have drawn from its ...strength.

Louise McNeill
April 14, 1976
Coventry, Conn. 06238

Teaching in West Virginia - Margaret Seabold Waugh

I graduated from Valparaiso University in 1930. It was during the Great Depression of the 30's. I resolved to take the first job offered in either mathematics or business education. I joined a teacher's agency and had an offer from Marlinton, and accepted. I was probably one of the first in my class to have a job assurance and was much envied.

I was born in Ft. Wayne. My family had lived there since the 1830's. When I said I was going to West Virginia my uncle thought I was "backsliding". The family was proud of getting as far west as the growing city of Ft. Wayne, on the three rivers.

That summer I had a letter from G. D. McNeill. He wrote that Dorris Circuls would be a new teacher. She was a graduate of Ball State at Muncie. He suggested we might like to get in touch with one another, and make the trip east together. This is one example of his thoughtfulness. Dorris came to Fort Wayne and we made the trip together. We will never forget that trip. How glad we were for each other's company.

On the train from Ronceverte to Marlinton, one sees no towns and it is a long ride. I will never forget my first sight of Marlinton, as the train comes through a pass and one sees the town in the valley; it looked like an oasis to us.

Mr Brill met us at the station and presented us to Mr. Harper Smith, with whom we were staying that winter. Mrs Smith was a very good cook; and we had a happy winter there. Ann Frazier also stayed there with us.

The other teachers were Eric Clutter, Paul Lord, Helen Hunter, Lota Beard, Polly Reynolds, Nancy McNeill, Delpha Shedegar, Priscilla Collins, and later Florence Price. Mr Flynn was Superintendent of Schools at that time.

I also roomed with Mrs. Wise Harold. Staying there also was Dorris Circuls, Geraldine Haupt and her mother, Mrs. Olson and her daughter, Carolyn. Priscilla Collins had an appartment on the third floor, where I spent many happy hours.

In the year 1933-34 I stayed with Hycie Callison Sharp. Ann Dennison also roomed there. She turned out to be a future cousin! One of the first people I met when coming to Marlinton was Alice Waugh, never dreaming that in 1934 I would marry her brother Meade.

I have always felt I was guided to Marlinton. I enjoyed living there and knowing the people and the many students I had in my classes. I am very glad I can come back to Alice Waugh, Mud and Bruce Crickard, and West Virginia.

Margaret S. Waugh
(Mrs. Meade L. Waugh)

Recollections of the Civilian Conservation Corps. (CCC) 1933 - 1937

Written for the Lt Glen L. Vaughan

"Pocahontas County Bicentennial"

The C C C was established in March 1933 by an Act of the 73d Congress. It was an agency born of hope from the devastating economic and social catastrophe of the "great Depression".

The purpose of the CCC was generally twofold. First it was to provide a means whereby thousands of young men, from economically depressed families, could be given gainfull employment and at the same time assist their fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers at home. The second general purpose of the CCC was to provide the manpower for the conservation and renewal of our devastated forests and establishment of public parks and recreational areas throughout the nation.

CCC Camps, of about 200 men each, were setup at appropriate locations all accross the country. The Army was given the responsibility of administration, housing, clothing, feeding, paying and of having the men ready for work each day. At that time the Army in the United States was organized into Corp Areas. The V Corp comprised the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. Fifth Corp Headquarters was located at Fort Hays, in Columbus, Ohio. Each state was a Military District. West Virginia District Headquarters was in Charleston. The districts were devided into sectors, Marlinton, Elkins, Richwood, Lewisburg, Clarksburg etc.

Various technancal services, i e, National Forest Service, State Forest Service, National and State Park Service ect, were given the responsibility for the projects of the camps located in their forests or parks.

The first camps were established and administrated primarily by personnel (there were a few Navy and Marine personnel)

It is interesting to recall that the Standing Army in 1932 was only about seventy thousand men, and a Privates pay was $21.00 per month. Gradually members of the Officers Reserve Corp were called to active duty and assigned to the CCC. The camps were operated as military companies, army clothing, bedding and feeding were handled on army basis. The Mess Officer was given a ration allowance, about thirty five cents per man per day. He bought fresh vegetables, fruit and other perishables from local suppliers and requisitioned "dry" stores from the Corps Area Quartermaster. (The purchase of a great deal of equipment, supplies and services within the local communities, was a considerable economic help during the depression) Most camps had their own vegetable gardens and some raised a few hogs and chickens. These projects were carried on by the men after working hours, and served to suppliment the regular army rations.

Each Enrollee was paid $30.00 per month of which $25.00 was sent to his parents by allotment and he would receive $5.00 in cash. In addition the Enrollee received housing, clothing, food and medical attention. Any one who lived during thoes depression days, knows of the economic help this $25.00 a month provided those families. The benefits derived by the thousands of young men who were given meaningful jobs in the CCC is immeasurable. Thousands of them learned skills which equiped them for good jobs later on. Many learned machine and equipment operation and maintance, welding, truck driving, forestry, surveying and many learned office skills such as typing and bookkeeping. Hundreds become cooks and medical assistants. Most of all it gave them hope at a time when things looked rather hopeless. When the country went to war in December 1941, the men with CCC experience performed a great service in forming the nucleusof administration for the rapidly expanding army.

The work performed by the CCC under the direction of the various technical services was near miraculous. Prior to the CCC our forests and timber land were burned over almost without control, each spring and fall. Brush thickets and chared treetrunks covered our hillsides. Mountain streams were cloged and littered, and wild life suffered the ravages of this forest neglect. With the help of the CCC the Forest Service built fire roads, cleared up streams and planted millions of trees throughout the vast forests of our country. The Park Services built and rehabiliated hundreds of state and national parks all over the nation.

Today beautiful forests and parks stand as living evidence of the effort of thousands of young men who were without hope, but were organized into one of the great "experiments" of our country to the benefit of themselves, their families and the enduring public good.

The writter was privileged to have had a part in the CCC. I had earned a commission as a Reserve Officer in the army through attendance at Civilian Citizen Military Training Camp during the summers of 1929 - 1932 so was ordered to duty durning the CCC expansion in the spring of 1935. I served in various camps throughout West Virginia, including Black Mt. Camp F 15 and Camp Thornwood F 6 in Pocahontas County. My assignments ranged from Camp Commander, mess officer, exchange officer, finance officer, and on some occasions, all at the same time. As a very young officer I had to learn quickly, I made many mistakes and received much help from all sides. I want to mention a few people that I knew and was associated with in the CCC who were from Pocahontas County or who had connections there.

The only Reserve Officer with whom I was acquainted in the CCC from Pocahontas was Lt Quinn L. Oldaker of Durbin. He was a member of the Cadre that established Camp Thornwood. Capt Wilfred Jackson was at Black Mt. along with Lt Floyd Ingram. Capt Jackson lived a number of years in Marlinton and Lt Ingram was married to the former Miss billie Nelson of

Marlinton. Mr Bill Kramner of Bartow was camp Superintendent at Black Mt. and Mr Pete Hanlon was Superintendent at Thornwood. Lt Fred Reilly married the daughter of Mr Tim Kannelle of Cass. Also several young ladies of Pocahontas found good husbands through the CCC. Among them were Miss Kathryn Adkison, married Jullian Fawcett, and Miss Mable McNeill married "Bank" Conrad of Hammond, Indiana. Alice Fortune married Carl Ballentine (Orr)

While I was at Camp Nicholas at Cowan, Rev H. H. Orr, former Presbyterian Minister at Marlinton, who was at that time in Richwood, conducted services at least once a month at the camps in that area. Mrs Orr would play a portable organ which they carried in the trunk of their car. Rev and Mrs Orr were wonderful, unselfish people who served Gods childern wherever they found them. Mr. E. C. Daetzyler, long associated with the First National Bank in Marlinton, was during CCC days a banker in Webster Springs. He was always most helpful to the CCC personnel.

My Brother-in-law, Bruce Crickard served in several different camps including Camp Wattago where he helped supervise the building of the dam for Wattago Lake. Mr Odie Clarkson of Cass, who later lived in Marlinton, served with the technical service at Thornwood while I was there and Mr Neal McKissic, who settled in Marlinton, was an equipment operator at Black Mt. Ofcourse there were many more local people who served so well and contributed much to the success of the CCC.

The hard work, the snow, rain, mud and at times bitter cold so stifeling heat; the seemingly endless inspections, the "CCCpills" seem pretty small now in light of the lasting accomplishments in conservation of forests and parks, and of thousands of American youth of the "Great Depression".

Meade L. Waugh
May 31, 1976
Fort Wayne, Indiana

* * I am enclosing a copy of a Camp Paper "Thornwood Eagle" which tells something of the CCC from the vantage point of May 4, 1937

THORNWOOD EAGLE

KEEP OUR SAFETY

RECORD INTACT

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FIRE ALARMS NUMEROUS OVER WEEKEND

PLANTING NEARLY HALF FINISHED

A planting training school was conducted at Camp Thornwood April 6& 7, 1937. Notables from the Regional Office; Cheat, Greenbrier, White Sulphur and Gauley Ranger Districts; Parsons Nursery and visitors from the Soil Conservation Service and the State Forests attended.

After learning all about the planting of a tree, its relation to the developement of any area, its growth in the nursery and crew organization, the crew leaders were taken to the field for some practical presentation, mainly in the use of the "4 step method" of planting a tree. The men then returned to their home stations and tree planting began in earnest on three Ranger Districts, April the 8th.

With approximately 40 reenforcements from Camps White and Hutton, Camp Thornwood has planted some 378,386 trees of its allotted 800,000.

The crew averages to the first of May are shown below:

Iser	58,000	387
Collins	47,900	343

(Continued on page 4.)

The comparitive quiet of the spring fire season ended abruptly Saturday, May 1st, when the fire bell rang no less than four times.

Foreman Rose with Houchins, Collins, Rexrode's and Smith's crews were called back to camp from their work project at 2:00 p.m. Saturday to act as snap crews in case of fire.

The first alarm sounded at 2:10 p.m. and Rose with 20 men took off for Big Run in Pendleton County at 2:11 p.m. He arrived at the scene of the fire at 3:17 p.m. and called 20 more men from camp from the Gatewood Tower telephone. Mr. Hoskins, Asst. Ranger, and Mr. Hanlon, Proj. Supt., arrived shortly. Mr. Hoskins, acting fire boss ordered 60 additional men from Camps Laurel Fork and White.

The fire, which was caused by fishermen, was in second growth hardwood, bracken fern and slashing and was corralled and under control at 6:18 p.m. The last of Thornwood's 60 men left the scene of the fire at 10:00 p.m., the fire truck leaving at that time. Supt. Sutton with his Laurel Fork boys patrolled the fire all night. They turned it over to Warden Rose and ten men Sunday morning, who in turn turned the mop-up job to Foreman Thompson and 10 fresh men at noon (Cont. on page 4)

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HEARTY COOPERATION

When the athletic-minded enrollees of this company met recently to discuss the problems of the spring and summer sports program, one of the main questions was the shortage of almost every kind of athletic equipment.

When this question was brought before the administration, they immediately took inventory of the number and condition on hand, and with the best interests of the company at heart, purchased some $246.00 worth of equipment.

This whole-hearted cooperation should, and we are sure it will, induce the personal of this company to produce their utmost in completing the splendid new baseball diamond.

The Technical Service and the Camp Administration have done their part, so now let us get our shoulders behind the wheel and do our part.

"AU REVOIR"

For seemingly effortless efficiency, for quick decisive discipline, for gaining absolute respect while making loyal friends, none of us have met his equal. It is common acknowledgement, yes, unanimous acknowledgement, that the Camp improved overnight under his administration. The improved morale of this company since his arrival is something over which to marvel. The cooperation between the two services in the past few months is rapidly transforming the appearance of this camp into an object of which to be proud. The way he gained loyal, cooperative friends among both enrollees and facilitating personnel is a lesson in personality to all of us. The improvement in the Mess hall, in the "Rec" hall, the barracks, the exterior of camp, the shop, then the athletic equipment, the tennis court and the ball diamond, under construction: He has been a complete success.

We all hate to see you go Lt. Waugh. We wish you all the good fortune which we knew you merit.

LT. WAUGH TRANSFERRED TO CAMP BOWERS

LT. HICKERSON RETURNS HERE

Effective May 1, 1937, Lt. Waugh, former commanding officer here, will be transferred to Camp Bowers, Pickens, W. Va.

2nd Lt. E. H. Hickerson, recently transferred from Camp Thornwood to Camp Bowers, will return here and resume the duties of Junior Officer.

Lt. James D. Francis, 1st Lt. Med. Res., is now permanently attached to this company. He has been rendering medical services here although his home camp has been Camp Seneca. He will now serve Camps Thornwood and Laurel Fork.

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(FIRE - cont. from page 1)

The fire was officially pronounced out at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 1937 by Mr. Hanlon, Proj. Supt.

(Tree planting - cont. from pg1)

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Huffman	42,100	289
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Ryalls	28,680	247
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Zeke: "Iser, did your watch stop when it hit the floor?"
Iser: "Sure, did you think it would go on through?"

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Cochrane: "One single move and this canoe will collapse"
"Hunnyack" "Could I move my choongum to the other side of my mouth?"

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Self-love is more commendable at times than self-forgetfullness.

ALARMS APLENTY; BUT NO FIRES

During the month of April, Camp Thornwood was lucky not to have a single fire. However, the alarm was sounded several times and crews dispatched.

On April 2nd twenty men were sent down back Alleghany road near Hosterman. The fire was on private land and no fighting was done.

April 13th ten men were sent to Circleville to help suppress a fire in the hotel there.

Twenty men were sent to the farm of B. B. Beard on April 19th to investigate a brush burning there.

The alarm again sounded on April 23rd and men were dispatched, but no fire could be found.

Crews were ordered to stand by for a fire in the Williams River Country, but none were dispatched.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES

CAMP GETS THREE INSPECTIONS

Camp Thornwood was inspected on three practically straight days last week.

Major Mitchell inspected camp and found it satisfactory on Wednesday, April 29th. On the following day, Major Gibbons, not knowing Major Mitchell had inspected, again inspected and found everything in order.

Capt. Rice, Sector Commander, paid us a visit Saturday, May 1st. After auditing some records, he gave the camp a brief inspection.

CAMP SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

I wish to commend you men on your planting job. Inspections thereof have been most satisfactory. Practically without exception you men are coming through in a way that makes us proud of you and in a way that can justify pride in yourself. You are building a living memorial of C accomplishment out there on Hulax Run. It is being built well efficiently. Congratulations!

The following is a tabulation of crew accomplishment. It shows how each crew stands in number of trees planted, but it is far from a complete picture. It does not show the rocky hillsides planted by Houchins crew and Roxrode's crew. It does not say that "Ryalls Reforesting Rookies" are rookies but that they are up there just the same. It does not sufficiently acknowledge the cooperative spirit of most of the detached men. Unfortunately it indicts one crew as lying down -- inexcusably.

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Let this not stimulate competition at the expense of good planting. And bear in mind that tree planting is about half over. Many a football game is won in the second half. Also, it is much easier for low rows to go up than it is for high rows to go higher.

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And now, the bitter ----- pon who

COMPANY COMMANDER'S COLUMN

On account of the short period that I have been assigned to this company I have had little opportunity to become acquainted with many of its members. Yet I can sense a fine spirit of cooperation within the organization, for which I am truly grateful.

It is with deep regret that I record the departure of the former Company Commander, Lt. Meade L. Waugh, from our camp and may we all wish the "the best" as he goes to his new assignment.

Now that the season for outdoor sports is near at hand, each member is urged to take an active part in at least one unit of those now being organized. By so doing each individual will promote his own personal welfare, as well as strengthen the morale of the entire company.

I am glad that I have the opportunity of serving with Co. 2586 and am sure that my assignment here will be a most pleasant one.

Lt Glen R. Myers

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turn up missing for fire duty at night or over the week-end. We can not let you get by with it. You are AWOL. You are refusing to obey orders. We must insist upon compliance with fire orders. Violation means stern discipline.

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The reason for the delay in publishing the R.H.L. is the breakdown and subsequent repair of our mimeograph machine. We hope to have it published on time hereafter.

NEW C.O. WELL EXPERIENCED

1st Lt. Glen R. Myers, our new commanding officer, has led a very interesting life.

He was enrolled in the Chicago Technical College when America entered the World War. Enlisting at the first call, he saw active service in France. When the war was over, he returned to his studies, graduating in 1921.

For the next fourteen years, he worked in a wide variety of fields, mainly that of an Interior Decorater salesman.

Lt. Myers was one of the first reserve officers to go on active duty with the C.C.C. On April 21, 1935, he was assigned to Camp Gallipolis, Pomeroy, Ohio as Junior Officer.

In the spring of 1935, he took a [illegible] from that corps, established [illegible] Camp Marshal at Moundsville. He served as Commanding Officer of the Camp until he was transferred to Camp Beaver at Clifftop, W. Va. ON December 21, 1936. He served as commanding officer there until he was transferred to Camp Thornwood April 22, 1937.

Lt. Myers is married and has four children, two boys and two girls. He is fond of music and takes a keen interest in archery.

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Pete Turner: I was here yesterday and had steaks.

Waiter: Yes sir; will you have the same today.

Pete: Well I might as well if no one else is using it.

PROPAGATION EXPERIMENT STARTED

It has been an accepted fact that Camp Thornwood has had more red-heads, more left-handers and more dogs on its mess list than any other camp in the Forest. It is only recently that the Camp has gone in for mass production of dogs and here again it appears that F-6 will carry away the pennant.

Taking his que from these fertile facts, Educational Adviser Healey is sponsoring thru Game Technician Green an experimant in the propagation of wild birds. Although some forms of Game Management include the raising and stocking of game in order to increase wild life, the Forest Service has so far gone in only for environmental control of land which means increasing game by improving game conditions.

By sponsoring a propogation experiment the educational program is doing an original thing and one which may have far reaching results.

Ring neck pheasants have been selected as the birds to be propogated and plans now include the purchase of several brood hens, a number of eggs, the erection of a rearing coop to house the brood hens and wire runaways for the young pheasants. After the young birds have passed the first critical ten to twelve weeks they are to be liberated on the Little River Game Preserve.

In addition to doing some actual wildlife rearing and stocking of our own many of the boys who help with the project will gain valuable experience and vocational training.

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Cunningham: Zeke does your watch tell time?

Zeke: No you have to look at ti.

SPORTS

THORNWOOD DUST

With new equipment and uniforms ordered the spring sports season comes into its own at Camp Thornwood. With new rookies signing up in every branch of sports our Camp should take on new laurels....

The inter-camp schedule for the Sector has not been released as yet.

Tentative managers for the following sports are announced. They will serve until a permanent one is named.

Baseball -- Kyle Fisher
Softball -- "Yonk" Malson
Tennis -- Mr. Hanlon
Horseshoes -- Earl Bush
Volley ball -- Loyd Menear
Boxing -- "Art" Campbell

Let's show what we have in us by participating in at least one camp sport....

Now for the big leagues -- in the National league St. Louis seems to be running true to form. The Cincinnati "Reds" at the present time are a big disappointment.

In the American league the Yankees are also running true to form with the Philadelphia Athletics surprising everyone by playing 500 percent ball.

COMPLETE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT IS PURCHASED

When a representative of The Sport Shop, located in Clarksburg, W. Va., visited Camp Thornwood last week, he came to the right place at the right time. Camp Thornwood needed athletic equipment and needed it badly. Only the bare necessities had been purchased in former seasons.

After looking over his stock of samples, the best of everything, the administration of this camp purchased the following bill of goods, everything the best that could be bought:

12 Baseball uniforms, complete with jersey, pants, socks and hats. These uniforms will be grey with a gold and blue trimming. They will have a 9" circle on the front, in which the Company number will appear They will have the word THORNWOOD across the breast.

12 Softball uniforms, gold body with blue sleeves, white duck pants and blue caps.

9 fielder's gloves
1 Catcher's Mitt
1 1st Basemans mitt
12 Bats, asst.
12 Balls, MA league
Sliding pads, athletic supporters set bases, softball mask and catcher's glove.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE

YOUR MOTHER ON

MOTHER'S DAY,

'NEXT SUNDAY,

MAY 9TH, 1937.

On April 1st the Technical Staff of Camp Thornwood was increased by one when Mr. M. S. Grimes reported for duty as Field Mechanic. Foreman Grimes came to F-6 from the Elkins Forest Service shop where he had been stationed for the last year. He has had wide experience in the mechanics field and under his supervision the monkey wrench crew are setting a new high in keeping the camp's machinery and trucks in tip-top shape.

MR. ROSE'S FAMILY NOW ONE LARGER

On the night of April 16th, the night guard, startled by a strange whirring sound in the air, looked up to see a huge white bird winging its way over camp. A strange species, he was unable to identify it until next day when a report from Durbin cleared the matter up once and for all. It was the stork. A it deposited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warden Rose a fine nine-pound boy who has been named Ben Allen. The Eagle welcomes little Ben and congratulates the Roses. It is predicted that he some day will be a timber survey man, cruising the timber his daddy is planting these days.

ROOKIES ARRIVE

All members of Co. 2586 take great pleasure in welcoming the rookies to Camp Thornwood.

In all 40 men have been enrolled here since April 1st. Twenty came from Elkins, W. Va.; Thirteen from Clarksburg, W. Va.; and Six from Huntington, W. Va. One LEM came from Greenbank, W. Va.

TWO KEY MEN LEAVE

Bernard A. Faust and Axel E. Hensley, one a 3½ year man and the other a two year man, will leave Camp Thornwood sometime in the coming week.

Faust came to Camp Thornwood from Camp Parsons with the cadre July 1, 1935. He held the position of Supply Sergeant here for one full year. Leaving there for his health, he went on the road. After a little more than six months on the road, he was again pressed into duty for the Army to fill Julian Caldwell's shoes at the vacant First Sergeant position.

Hensley came into Camp Thornwood from his acceptance station at Huntington, W. Va. July 25, 1935. He has spent most of his stay here in the kitchen either as first cook or as mess sergeant. He has been so successful at the latter position that other camps have sent their Mess Stewards here to learn his "technique". "Hefty" has made our Mess hall one of the best in the State, crowning his many achievements with the recently inaugarated individual table service, in which the KP's wait upon the entire company.

Both of these men will be very hard to replace. Both are leaving the organization to accept civilian employment.

Simon Davis has been understanding Hensley for a week and will be our new Mess Sergeant.

"Bill" Singhass will attempt to fill "Bernie's" shoes at the difficult job of First Sergeant.

WIT AND HUMOR

Wife: "I've put your shirt on the clothes line, Jim".
Davis: "What odds did you get"?

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Blosser: "There's a moose loose".
Sam: "Are you English or Scotch"?

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Iser: "Was that a silent cop I just ran over"?
Art: "He isn't now".

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Arbella: "Who was the last man to [illegible] John L. Sullivan"?
Campbell: "The undertaker."

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C[illegible]sher: "Hmm, here's a story about a collar button being found in a cow's stomach,"
Ha[illegible] Times: "That must be false. How could a cow get under a bed room dre[illegible]r?"

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"Frequent water drinking", said the specialist, "will prevent you from becoming stiff in the joints."
Williams: "Yes, but some of the joints don't serve water."

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Rookie: "Can you tell me the quickest way to the station?"
Durbin town cop: "Run, man."

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Campbell: "I wouldn't cash a check for my own brother."
Edgell: "Well, of course, you know your own family better than I do."

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Mr. Healey: "If you are good, Popeye I'll give you this bright new penny."
Popeye: "[illegible] you got a dirty old [illegible]"

Kisamore: "A good worker derives a great deal of pleasure when he steps back to view the effects of his work."
Mr. Brown: "Yes, unless he's a steeplejack."

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Gothard: "What are the prices of the seats, Mister?"
Usher: "Front seats, one dollar; back seats, fifty cents and programs five cents."
Gothard: "I'll sit on a program, please."

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Two colored boys were having an argument about ghosts. One of them claimed to have seen a ghost the night before.
"What was did here ghost doin' when you last seen him?" asked the doubting one.
"Jus' fallin behin', mistah, fallin behin', rapid."

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Bode: "I can't eat this soup."
Helmick: "I'm sorry, I will call Davis."
Davis: "I'm sorry, I will call Hensley.
Hensley: "What is the matter with this soup?"
Bode: "Nothing, only I don't have a spoon."

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Tahaney: "What is a cannibal, Popeye?"
Popeye: "I don't know."
Tahaney: "Well, if you ate your mother and father, what would you be?"
Popeye: "An orphan."

TURKEYS LIBERATED ON LITTLE RIVER

On the morning of April 1st, our night guard, making his last round of camp just at dawn, was both astonished and alarmed to see Roscoe Houchin running up the company barefooted, clothed in only his g-i drawers and menacing a long-tom shot gun in his hands. Summoning his courage to the sticking point the night guard asked him what was amiss when Roscoe's answer is camp history: "I'm going Turkey hunting."

Later it was revealed the Roscoe's sleep had been disturbed by twenty-one semi-wild turkeys, which had spent the night messing up Frank Hedrick's filo shop. Much mystery surrounded the turkeys until it was learned that they came from Camp Watoga the day before and were to be released on the Little River Game Refuge. Through a cooperative arrangement with the Forest Service the State Conservation department is establishing a 9000 acre game refuge on part of what is known as Game Demonstration Area #1, being managed at the present time by Game Technican Green. Already eighteen deer have been released in this refuge. The turkeys, which were liberated early in April, were also furnished by the State. In accordance with the stocking program of the Conservation Commission in the case of other State refuges it is expected that more game will be liberated in the Little River Refuge. It is our fervent hope that Mr. Houchin will be notified of future shipments of turkeys.

So as to make it more convenient for everyone the cooks of Camp Thornwood recently asked for and received permission to establish their quarters in the rear end of the Mess hall.

3 JR. ASSISTANTS ASSIGNED HERE

The endeavor of the President to provide civil service jobs for enrollees resulted in the addition of three men to the Technical staff of Camp Thornwood when three Junior Assistant to the Technican were assigned here. Bob Kinkead stepped out of the supply sergeant's quarters to don a forest green uniform and become Thornwood's contribution to the select group of young foresters. Teaming with Bob are Odie Clarkson from Cass, and Carlton Morrison from Kerens. Clarkson was formerly with Co. 2598 at Droop Mountain where he was Mess Steward. He is a veteran of almost four year's experience in the CCC. Morrison reported from Co. 2590 at Neola where he was prominent in Timber Survey activities and was forest service clerk for almost a year. Addition of these three young men brings the Technical Service to the highest point in the camp's history.

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Tony: "Did you say the man was shot in the woods last night Doctor?"

Dr.: "No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region."

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McNeely: "My uncle can play the piano by ear."

"Red" Smith: "That's nothing, my uncle fiddles with his whiskers."

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Johnson: "Gosh, I need five bucks and I don't know where to get it."

Ryalls: "I'm glad of that. I was afraid you thought you could get it from me."

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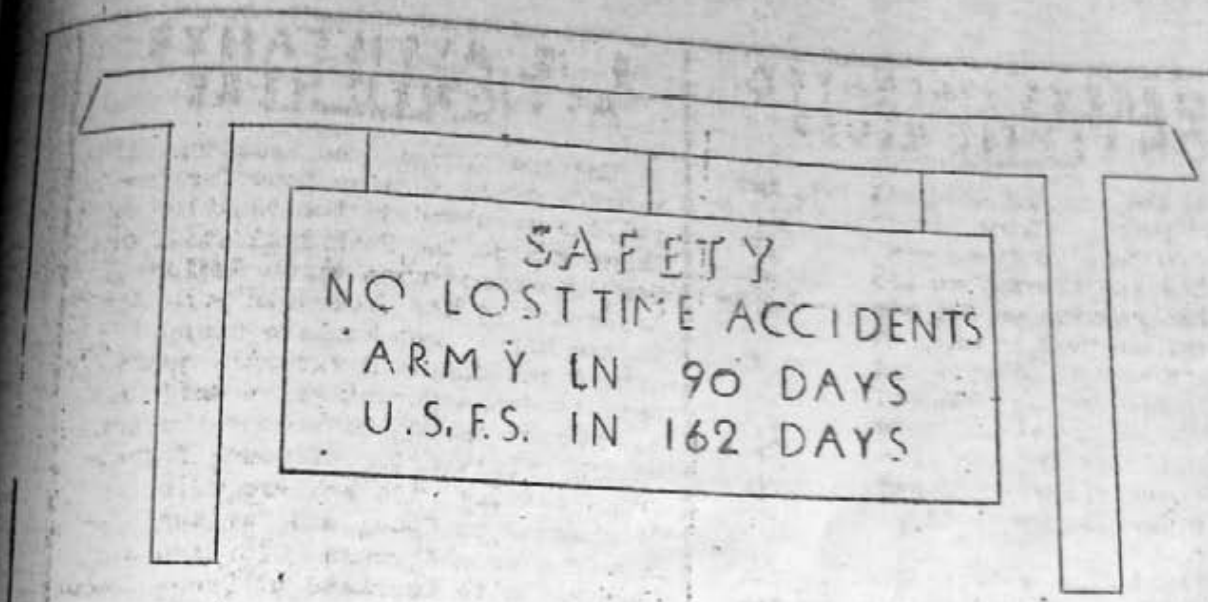
As some men become prosperous they become undesirable neighbors.



Under the approaching C.C.C's
The little chestnuts stand.
Th[ey] crawl along on hands and knees,
[and] plant others there by hand.
Th[ey] move along the narrow rows
[With] backs bared to the sun.
At [the] boiling hot the old Sun-glows...
[Till] their backs are DONE.
No [one] can take that awful glare.
(They are the heat resisters.)
But others turn from "very fair"
To "tail-light" colored blisters.

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The Board denied the request for the Green Bank School Fifth Grade to use the school bus for a trip on the Cass Train on June 2.

The Board approved the MacMillan mathematics text books for grades 1 through 8 for use in Pocahontas County Schools, 1976—1981, as recommended by a mathematics textbook adoption committee consisting of a mathematics teacher from all the elementary schools.

The Board employed the following non-tenured teachers and service and auxiliary personnel for the 76—77 school year:

Durbin Elementary
Teachers
Robert A. Crist
Thomas E. Plumley
Helen A. Sala
Linda L. Robinson
Louise M. Shinaberry

Non-Teaching Personnel
Ella M. Taylor
Loretta E. Burner
Danny Nelson

Green Bank Elementary
Teachers
Danieth Patton

Non-Teaching Personnel
James Cook
Murrel Mullenax
Richard Workman

Hillsboro Elementary
Teachers
Lynn Hinkle
Harry E. Holsopple
Brenda K. Cales
Phyllis B. Crickenberger
Karen P. Hinkle
Betty M. Seaman
Mary K. Fisher
Sue Hollandsworth
Barbara Luttrell
Julie Macqueen
Sally Nottingham
Barbara Richman

Non-Teaching Personnel
Bertie M. Kramer
Wanda G. Wilfong
Nora Lou Workman
Mason Vaughan
Emma McCoy
Georgene Cutlip

Marlinton Elementary
Teachers
George D. Alt
Paula B. Newkirk
John O'Brien
David E. Burdick
William C. Durbin
Teresa Barb
Ulreca G. Shultz
Debora Johnson
Rebecca A. Burdick
Carol S. Dale
Catherine Bartels
George Bartels
Jane Massi
Robin McElwee
Barbara Shaw
Katherine Snyder

Non-Teaching Personnel
Judy Sanders
Albert M. Kelley
Louise K. Roy
Barbara Gibson
Gertrude Wooddell
Janice Nelson

Pocahontas County High School
Teachers
Robert F. Seaman
Molly T. Diller
Kathleen V. McGee
Samuel L. Taylor
Berlin B. Vandevender
Robert C. Welder
Emery K. Wyatt
Glen Wade
Martha Wade
Linda VanReenen

Non-Teaching Personnel
Nancy L. Rose
Cora L. Wyatt
Janet L. Shank
Marilyn Kirk
Sharon Turner
Dale Armstrong
Neal Cassell
George Gladwell
William Wyatt
James Shearer
James D. McLaughlin
Kenneth Shearer
Robert M. McLaughlin

Board of Education Office
Betty O. Lambert
Roger L. Trusler
Wanda Wymer
Kerth Friel
Tommy Campbell
Johnnie Kinnison

The resignation of John Kinnison, electricity teacher at PCHS, effective at the end of the 75-76 school year, was accepted.

The request of American Cancer Society to solicit in the elementary schools, beginning May 3, was approved.

The Board approved the purchase of C. B. radios and P. A. systems for the four new buses at a total cost of $546.

Approved the request of Gladys Vance to take her Medical Explorer troops at PCHS to the Medical Exploring Seminar at Charleston on April 24.

Approved the request of Charles Fauber to take the PCHS Band to the State Band Festival at Clarksburg and for Mr. Fauber, Quentin Stewart, Linda Stewart, and Kathleen McGee to accompany the Band.

Approved the request of Reta Rose to take her Advanced Physical Education class at PCHS to the Fairlea Bowling Lanes on April 23.

Approved the request of Larry Yagodzinski to hold rehearsals and a concert at the Durbin school outside of school hours.

The Board will meet again on April 20.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1976

Board of Education

The Board of Education met for a regular meeting on May 25.

The first order of business was to reorganize the Board based on the results of the elections on May 11. At this election Board members were selected for one full term and two unexpired terms. At the opening of this meeting the Board consisted of only three members, Moffett McNeel, June Riley, and Ernest Shaw, since Everett Dilley and Bobby Vance were serving unexpired terms only until the election. Everett Dilley, Jr. was administered the oath of office to the unexpired term to which he was elected on May 11. Moffett McNeel then resigned from his term of office due to expire in January 1977 to accept the unexpired term to which he was elected on May 11 and was administered the oath of office for this term. Walter Helmick, who was elected to the full term beginning in January since he received the highest number of votes on May 11, was elected by the Board to fill the unexpired portion of the term from which Mr. McNeel had previously resigned. Mr. Helmick was then administered the oath of office to this unexpired term which, by law, runs to the date of the next election, November 2. After all this the Board was again at its full strength of five members. Mr. McNeel was re-elected as President of the Board.

The Board heard Arch Wooddell who was acting as spokesman for a group of teachers, parents, and citizens who were protesting the use of the athletic field at the Marlinton Elementary School by the Fireman's carnival in June and the horse pulling contest during Pioneer Days. Twenty-four people were in attendance on this matter and presented a petition signed by 122 people. The Board agreed to take the issue under study.

Lonnie Ratliff spoke to the Board concerning the trimming of trees along the Marlinton athletic field to improve the playing conditions on the softball field.

The Board approved the request of Rev. Gary L. Jarrel, pastor of the Church of God, to use the Marlinton gym on May 28 for a church basketball tournament.

Miss Anna Cornell Moore was employed as County Speech Therapist for the 1976-77 school term.

The request of the Pioneer Days Committee to use the PCHS gym for the annual Miss Pocahontas Pageant on July 8 was approved.

Approval was given to the request of Kathleen McGee, PCHS Cheerleader sponsor, for the varsity cheerleaders to attend a summer camp at W. Va. University, August 8-11.

The Board approved the request of the NRAO Recreation Association to use the Green Bank gym and cafeteria for their annual picnic on July 17, in case of rain.

The following dismissal schedule for the students final day at school, June 4, was approved: (1) The High School will be dismissed at 10:30 a. m.

(2) The elementary schools will dismiss in accordance with the high school schedule.

(3) Teachers will be dismissed at 1 p. m.

The contract of Lawrence Brannan, PCHS Guidance Counselor, was extended from June 25 to July 19, at no increase in pay. During this period Mr. Brannon will be chaperoning the PCHS students on their trip to England.

The Board approved the application for money from Federal government under the ESEA Title I Program in the amount of $136,848 from Fiscal Year 1977 funds and $25,464 from unbudgeted reserve from Fiscal Year 1976. Title I funds support remediation programs to overcome learning deficiencies for economically deprived students. In Pocahontas County these funds pay for the tutorial aides in the elementary classrooms and support the remedial reading and mathematical program.

Gary L. Jarrel was employed as a regular bus driver and Alfred L. Dilley employed as a substitute bus driver.

The Board gave approval for Sam Taylor to drive a bus for the Building and Maintenance class at PCHS and for Robert Welder to drive a bus for the Forestry class and athletic trips.

The Board withdrew the 1976-77 teaching contract of John O'Brien on the basis of his verbal resignation of May 14, 1976, by a unanimous vote.

The Board heard from archictect K. F. Weimer in regard to the Board's previous direction for him to procure a negotiated bid from one of the two bidders in the amount of $124,000 maximum for the addition to the vocational building at the High School. Mr. Weimer reported that he had made repeated unsuccessful attempts to contact Kyle Construction Company but had worked out an agreement with Moss Associates, Harrisonburg, Virginia, in the amount of $124,000. The Board authorized Mr. Weimer to draw up a contract with Moss and authorized Mr. McNeel to sign this contract when it is prepared.

The Board decided to make its contributions to the budget of the Pocahontas Board of Health for 1976-77 the same as that for 1975-76.

The Board agreed to assist the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital by hauling coal for the Hospital within the capability of the Board's equipment and manpower. The Hospital will pay salary, fuel and oil, and mileage for maintenance and in return receive a saving on the price of coal.

Approval was given for the following excursions and field trips:

Durbin Eighth Grade to the NRAO for a tour and picnic.

Marlinton 6-A and 6-C classes to Watoga State Park on June 1 for a picnic.

Hillsboro Fifth and Sixth Grade to Watoga State Park on June 1 for a picnic.

Marlinton Special Education Class to Watoga State Park on June 3 for a picnic and swim.

Green Bank Fifth Grade to the Cass Scenic Railroad on June 2.

PCHS Advanced Physical Education Class to the NARO pool on June 1.

Marlinton Second Grade to the Cass Scenic Railroad, Cass Museum, and Seneca State Forest on June 1.

Marlinton Third Grades to the Cass Scenic Railroad and Seneca State Forest on June 2.

Marlinton 7-A to Watoga State Park for a picnic on June 3.

The next regular Board meeting will be on June 8.

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Municipal Corporation,
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II. JURY DEMAND: Yes X No

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DO YOU OR ANY OF YOUR CLIENTS OR WITNESSES IN THIS CASE REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY OR AGE?
☐ YES ○ NO

- ☐ Wheelchair accessible hearing room and other facilities
- ☐ Interpreter or other auxiliary aid for the hearing impaired
- ☐ Reader or other auxiliary aid for the visually impaired
- ☐ Spokesperson or other auxiliary aid for the speech impaired

Other: _____

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KAREN FRITZ,
Plaintiff,

vs. **Civil Action No.** 07-P-138
Judge Bedell

TIFNEY TERRY and
THE CITY OF NITRO, a municipal corporation,
Defendants.

PETITION FOR DECLARATORY, MANDAMUS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Comes now Karen Fritz and petitions this Court for declaratory, mandamus and injunctive relief and relates the following particulars in support of her petition:

1. That she is a resident, citizen and taxpayer of the City of Nitro, Kanawha County, West Virginia..

2. That the City of Nitro is a municipal corporation under West Virginia law, with it's location in Kanawha County, West Virginia, in part. Tifney Terry is the Treasurer of said municipal corporation.

3. That this proceeding is brought under the provisions of West Virginia Code §55-13-1 et seq., commonly known as the "Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act" and the provisions of §53-1-1 et seq. pertaining to Extraordinary Remedies, i.e. mandamus.

4. Under the provisions of West Virginia Code §6-2-11, every officer or employee of a municipality who handles public funds or property, and every other officer or employee of a municipality of whom it shall be required, shall, unless otherwise provided by law, give bond, with good security, to be approved by the council or other similar body of such municipality, and in such penalty as such council or other similar body shall prescribe, conditioned upon the

faithful discharge of the duties of his office or employment and the faithful accounting for and paying over, as required by law, of any funds or property coming into his possession.

5. Under the provisions of West Virginia Code §6-2-1, said bond must be posted within sixty (60) days after he has been appointed.

6. That, upon information and belief, the said Tifney Terry has never posted such bond, although having been holding said office of Treasurer for approximately eighteen months.

7. West Virginia Code 6-2-4 provides, inter alia, that if any person, of whom an official bond is required, who fails to file a bond prescribed by law, the office or position shall be deemed vacant; and any person who shall enter into or discharge any of the duties pertaining to such office or position, before he shall give the bond required by law, shall forfeit not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars.

8. Upon information and belief the defendant City of Nitro, certain of the respective members of council, and the Honorable Mayor of said city, has permitted said Tifney Terry to discuss issues in council, has otherwise permitted her to participate in local government issues, and has permitted her to handle the public monies of the municipality, notwithstanding the provisions of the West Virginia Code provisions, as aforesaid and others.

9. The actions of defendant Terry, in failing to timely post her bond, not only constitutes official misconduct, malfeasance in office, incompetence and neglect of duty, such as would warrant her removal from office under the provisions of West Virginia Code §6-6-7, and require her to forfeit not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff prays that her petition be filed, that a summons do issue requiring the defendants to respond, that a hearing be held hereon, that the Court declare that all actions taken by the defendant Tifney Terry for the City of Nitro up to and including the present

time, be rendered null and void, that the Court enter an order vacating the position of treasurer of the City of Nitro, that the Court order defendant Terry to re-pay unto the City of Nitro any and all salary, benefits, expense allotments or other remunerations paid to her for the period of time in question in this litigation, that she be required to reimburse the City of Nitro for any public monies expended by her, that the Court enjoin said defendant Terry from acting as City Treasurer and order her to vacate her office at City Hall, that the Court grant unto the plaintiff his Court Costs and counsel fees and that she be granted all such other and further relief as the nature of her case may require.

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VERIFICATION

I, Karen Fritz, after being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations contained in the foregoing Petition are true, except insofar as they are stated to be upon information and belief, and that insofar as they are therein stated, they are believed to be true.

Karen Fritz
Karen Fritz

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 2007.

My Commission expires March 5, 2015.

Jeanine Hedrick
Notary Public

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

KAREN FRITZ,

Plaintiff,

v. CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-MISC-148

TIFNEY TERRY and
THE CITY OF NITRO,
a West Virginia corporation,

Defendants.

ORDER

The Court has reviewed the Defendant, Tifney Terry's and the Defendant, City of Nitro's Motions to Dismiss, as well as the Plaintiff's Response and Motion for Summary Judgment.

DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS TO DISMISS

After careful consideration of the Motions to Dismiss, the Court denies the same finding that, given the language of West Virginia Code, Chapter 6, Article 2, Sections 1, 4, and 11, this action is not moot, and a justiciable controversy exists.

Section One (1) indicates that:

> "Any person appointed or elected to any office in this state who is required by any statute to enter into or give bond, unless otherwise provided, shall give his official bond within sixty days after he has been appointed or duly declared elected";

Section Four (4) indicates that:

> "If any person elected or appointed to any office, or position, of whom an official bond is required, shall fail to give the bond within the time prescribed by law, the office or position shall be deemed vacant; and any person who shall enter into or discharge any of the duties pertaining to such office or position, before he shall have given the

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Section Eleven (11) indicates that:

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Clearly, the treasurer of a municipality is required by statute to be bonded. Further, Section Four (4) is unambiguous in deeming the position vacant if the bond is not given within the time prescribed by law. This language does not state that the office may be "declared" vacant if bond is not given. It states the position shall be "deemed" vacant if the bond is not given within the prescribed time. In other words, the vacancy does not occur upon a court declaring the same, but occurs upon the expiration of the sixty (60) days, if bond is not given. The Court finds that once a vacancy exists, it must be filled by election or appointment consistent with the laws of the municipality. A vacancy cannot be filled by simply posting a bond. Thus, posting a bond after the expiration of the statutory time frame does not cure the deficiency. To find otherwise would render all of the language of Section Four (4) meaningless. Statutes should not be construed when, like here, they are unambiguous, and even in instances of ambiguity, they should not be construed to be meaningless. Therefore, the Court finds the action is not moot. Further, given these same statutory provisions and given the fact that the Defendant, Tifney Terry,

continues to act as treasurer of the City of Nitro, the Court finds there is a justiciable controversy. Additionally, the Court finds that injunctive relief may be legally appropriate given the applicable law and given the facts and circumstances of this case. Therefore, the Court ORDERS that the Motions to Dismiss be denied.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Upon consideration of the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, the Court finds that no genuine issues of material fact exist regarding the Defendant, Tifney Terry's failure to give bond within sixty (60) days after having taken office. The Defendant has admitted in her Motion to Dismiss that she posted a bond on April 2, 2007, prior to being served with this lawsuit. Further, there has been no dispute of the Plaintiff's claim that this date of posting bond was approximately eighteen (18) months after she took office as treasurer of the City of Nitro. Therefore, the Defendant, Tifney Terry, having failed to raise a genuine issue of material fact as to this issue, the Court finds, pursuant to West Virginia Code, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 4, that the office of treasurer of Nitro should be deemed vacant as of the sixty-first (61st) day after the Defendant took office. Specifically, the Court ORDERS that the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment on this issue be granted, and further ORDERS that the Defendant, Tifney Terry, be prohibited from acting as treasurer of the City of Nitro upon the entry of this Order.

Having further given consideration to the Plaintiff's request that the Defendant, Tifney Terry, repay to the City of Nitro any and all salary and benefits received after the office was deemed vacant, the Court ORDERS that the parties attend mediation on this issue within sixty (60) days of the entry of this Order.

inasmuch as this mediation will necessarily involve arm's length negotiations between the Defendants, the Court ORDERS that the Defendants cannot ethically be represented by the same attorney. Further, given that attorney, Troy Giatras, has represented both Defendants thus far in the litigation, it would be ethically impermissible for him to represent either Defendant during the mediation. Therefore, the Court ORDERS that attorney, Troy Giatras, be disqualified from representing the Defendants in the mediation.

The Court preserves an objection and exception for any party aggrieved by any portion of this Order and, lastly, ORDERS the Clerk of this Court to mail a certified copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

ENTERED this 13th day of July, 2007.

Irene C. Berger

IRENE C. BERGER, CIRCUIT JUDGE
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

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